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Strong dollar sinks gold to \$420.50

LONDON, July 1 (AP) — High U.S. interest rates helped push gold and silver prices into a deeper decline Wednesday as the dollar gained against all key foreign currencies.

London's five major bullion dealers fixed the morning price of gold at \$421.25 a troy ounce, nearly a \$6 drop from Tuesday's \$427 late rate. In Zurich, Europe's largest bullion market, gold sank to \$420.50 an ounce, down \$5 from Wednesday's close.

Since gold prices started falling last Wednesday, the metal has dropped to its lowest level since Nov. 30, 1979, and now sells for less than half the \$875 an ounce record it touched in New York in January 1980.

Silver also continued to fall and was quoted at \$8.95 in London.

Ore bullion dealer said the market was "orderly" and was only continuing a leveling off that began in September.

The dollar, meanwhile, gained further against European currencies, especially the British pound. In London, sterling lost nearly 2 cents against the dollar dropping to 1.9020 from Tuesday's 1.9275.

Other morning dollar rates with Tuesday's late rate in brackets, included: 2.4060 West German marks up from 2.3880; 2.0550 Swiss francs, up from 2.0470; 5.7385 French francs, up from 5.7060; 1.6735 Dutch guilders, up from 1.66025; 1.1965 Italian lira, up from 1.19125.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):

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| London | 426.50 |
| Paris | 462.86 |
| Frankfurt | 422.09 |
| Zurich | 423.50 |
| Hong Kong holiday | |

Britain becomes president of EEC

BRUSSELS, July 1 (R) — Britain Wednesday took over the presidency of the European Economic Community (EEC) that is united in a new initiative on Afghanistan but divided over proposed reform of its own budget and measures to tackle unemployment.

A meeting of EEC leaders which ended Tuesday endorsed British proposals designed to bring about the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. However, it left the Common Market's pressing internal problems largely unresolved. Diplomatic sources said Britain attached particular importance to quick progress on reform of the budget. The changes were first sought last year in response to the EEC crisis produced by Britain's indignation over its high net budget payments.

The long-awaited proposals put forward by the EEC Commission last week provided guidelines for the reform, designed to balance member state contributions and lower farm spending. But much of the detail has still to be worked out. The question will be high on the agenda at the next EEC summit in November.

The British government has welcomed the commission proposals which call on member states benefiting from the EEC's \$25 billion budget to compensate Britain for its net loss. But it will face delicate negotiations with countries like Denmark, Ireland and France, whose large farming communities might have budget losses as a result of the proposals, if it is to gain unanimity on reform.

Ramadan: a blessed month

By a Staff Writer

Today we celebrate the beginning of Ramadan, the month in which Muslims all over the world observe a dawn to dusk fast.

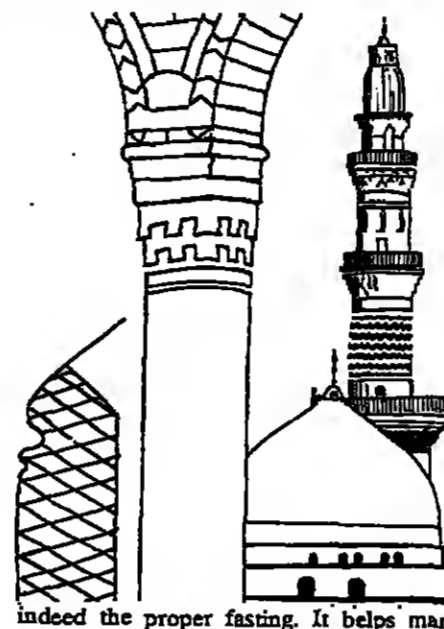
To Muslims, however, Ramadan is much more than a month of fasting. It is a season of devotion and soul purification. We feel our unity as we share together in this blessed act of worship. It also carries for us reminders of several occasions which were of great importance in the history of Islam. Indeed, it is a month which witnessed, over the ages many a turning point in the fortunes of the nation of Islam those have almost always been turning for the better. Hence, we look at Ramadan as a season of purity and goodness and we love it as it makes us better human beings.

While fasting Muslims do not eat, drink or smoke. Unlike other religions, Islam makes fasting total: nothing passes the lips, or indeed any other passage such as the ear or the nose, to get inside the body. Sex is also not allowed at the time of fasting. In short, Islamic fasting is a voluntary abstention from the basic needs of the body.

Fasting in Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam. Its importance stems from its very personal nature as an act of worship. Hence, there is a big emphasis on the reward Allah gives for proper fasting. The Prophet relates a Divine pronouncement in which Allah says: *All actions done by any person are his except fasting which I Mine and I reward it accordingly.* We are also told by the Prophet that the proper reward for proper fasting is Heaven.

It may be noted that we have qualified fasting with the adjective "proper". This is because every Muslim is asked to make his worship perfect. Perfection of fasting can be achieved through restraint of feelings and emotions. The Prophet teaches us: "On a day of fasting let no one of you indulge in any obscenity or enter into a slandering match. Should some one abuse or fight him let him respond by saying 'I am fasting; I am fasting'."

This high standard of self-restraint fits in well with fasting which is, in essence, an act of self-discipline. Islam wants us to marry patience to voluntary abstention from indulgence of physical desires. This is



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There is also a social aspect to fasting. It makes all people share in the feeling of hunger and thirst. In normal circumstances people with decent income may go from one year's end to another without experiencing the pangs of hunger which a poor person may feel every day. Such an experience helps draw the rich nearer to the poor.

Indeed we are encouraged to be more charitable in Ramadan to follow the example of our Prophet who was described as being in Ramadan "more generous and charitable than unrestrained wind."

The month of Ramadan is aptly described as a "fasting season of worship". Fasting is the main aspect of worship in this month, but people are more attentive to their prayers in Ramadan than they are in other days. They are also more complete and they feel in Ramadan much happier than in other days, because they feel themselves to be closer to Allah.

Mitterrand blasts Reagan's policies

PARIS, July 1 (AFP) — French President Francois Mitterrand Wednesday lashed out at the United States on various issues, from Washington's economic policy to its approach to the Third World in general and Central America in particular.

The Socialist leader made his remarks in an interview with the newspaper *Le Monde* here just a week after Franco-American relations took a chilly turn with a dispute over the entry of four Communist ministers in the French cabinet. Mitterrand, who last week rejected U.S. statements on the matter as intrusion in French affairs, said Wednesday the comments by the State Department constituted a form of pressure "that he would not submit to."

"It would not be acceptable for a chief of state to let himself be guided by considerations other than those that he judges to be in the interest of France and the French people," he said. The French president also strongly criticized Washington for maintaining what he called "unbearable" high interest rates and a strong dollar that has resulted in "hellish" oil prices for France and other countries.

He said Washington apparently was not interested in changing its policies over the short-term, in other words within about six months "which is already a lot, if not too much, for the Europeans." He said the Americans might make a move later.

Mitterrand said his sentiments were largely shared by Canada, Japan, Italy and perhaps even West Germany, thus comprising four or five of the seven industrialized countries that will participate in this month's Ottawa summit.

He said he would welcome a return by the conservative administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan to "a coherent international monetary system (and) a more serious policy with regard to the Third World."

"One cannot hope for greater political and military coherence in the Atlantic Alliance and be contented with an 'every man for himself' attitude in economic matters," he said. "The concerns (of the Americans) are east-west and rarely north-south," said Mitterrand, who took office in May after a surprise election victory over center-right incumbent Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

The Socialist leader said that he had "serious reservations to say the least about U.S. policy in Central America and rejected Reagan administration claims that revolutionary movements were invariably Communist-inspired." "The people of that region want an end to the oligarchies which, supported by bloody dictators, exploit them and leave them down-trodden in outrageous conditions," he said.

Popular uprisings "are not Communist subversion but a rejection of misery and degradation," the French president said. He said the West would do well to help these people rather than forcing them to live under oppression. "When they cry 'help,' I would like that (Communist Cuban leader Fidel) Castro not be the only one to hear them," Mitterrand said. "But I believe in the capacity of American leaders for reflection."

On the Middle East, Mitterrand reiterated his support for the Camp David peace process and said it could be expanded "if Israel takes a more positive approach to the Palestinian problem."

Sequel to Iran crisis Soviets fortify Afghan border

By Shahid Orazkai
Arab News Correspondent

QUETTA, July 1 — Major military movements were reportedly taking place in Afghanistan as the Soviets began fortifying their positions along Iran-Afghan border last week in the wake of the internal conflict in Iran, informed sources told *Arab News*.

At least two Soviet motorized divisions moved to Herat and Farah provinces, bordering Iran, soon after the Iranian Majlis challenged the deposed President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr, the sources disclosed. They said the Soviets had chosen a usually calm route running through Faryab, Badkhis and Juzjan provinces because traffic on Kandahar-Herat Road had been suspended for weeks due to fierce fighting between Mujahideen and government forces.

Reports reaching Pakistani Baluchistan Province said Soviet air force squadrons and armor units had also reached the Oasht-e-Aishan military airbase in Herat province.

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THE RIVALS: The Israeli election closed Tuesday night. Picture (at left) shows Prime Minister Menachem Begin clapping along with his supporters at his campaign headquarters after the poll. At right is Labor Party leader Shimon Peres holding his head as he watches the election results on television.

Peres, Begin in narrow lead Weak government predicted

TEL AVIV, July 1 (Agencies) — A weak and unstable government was predicted Wednesday by Prime Minister Menachem Begin confidently opened contacts with religious parties that hold the key to power after the closest election ever in the Zionist state. "I hope by next week to form a government," Begin told reporters after a four-hour meeting with Yosef Burg, head of the National Religious Party.

The opposition Labor Party under Shimon Peres maintained a narrow lead over Begin's Likud, according to projected results based on sample ballots and at least 25 percent of the real votes cast Tuesday. Labor, according to the projection, had 49 seats to Likud's 48.

But Begin was expected to be able to cobble together a majority in the 120-member parliament, with the religious party's seven seats, the ultra-orthodox Agudat Israel's five and two from the oew ethnic Tami Party. Moshe Dayan's independent Telem list had one seat regarded as a potential coalition-builder for Begin.

The prime minister scheduled an evening meeting with NRP leader Yosef Burg, whose oblique comments suggested there was a faint chance that the NRP still might opt for a coalition with Labor. Asked by Israel radio which way the NRP would go, Burg, the interior minister, replied, "I see the strong possibility" — meaning the Likud — "and the other side (Labor) is a weak possibility. The NRP has served in both Labor and Likud governments.

Burg also set a meeting with Peres at the end of the week, adding to the atmosphere of uncertainty following the election. The closeness of the vote eclipsed the previous record for a tight race set in 1977 when Likud wooed 43 seats and Labor 32, giving Begin a fat margin of 11 on which to build a coalition.

The Labor Party, though no longer claiming victory as Peres did Tuesday night, was keeping its options open.

"We don't have final results yet, we're not doing anything," said Labor spokesman Yosef Beilin.

Conclusive results of the vote are expected anytime between Thursday and next Monday when the election commission tallies the ballots and apportions the Knesset seats according to the percentage each party won.

"If the results show us stronger than Likud, we hope the president will call on Peres to form a government," Beilin said.

Publication of the results could focus intense pressure on state President Yitzhak Navon, a laborite who was elected by the Knesset in 1978. His office is largely ceremonial except for the period after elections. The law requires him to consult party leaders and then name one of them to form a government.

In the past the nod has always gone to the party with the most seats, but it is not mandatory. If Begin convinces Navon that Likud has enough partners to form a majority, the president can give Begin the invitation.

Ami Gluska, Navon's spokesman, said it might be two weeks before Navon decides on a premier-designate, who then would have 21 days to present his government.

Asked whether Navon intended to designate the party with the most Knesset seats — meaning labor — Gluska replied, "He'll invite both and talk about it."

The press and some political figures, meanwhile, forecast a chancy future for any government with a narrow majority in the Knesset.

Khaled receives Zia's message

TAIF, July 1 (SPA) — King Khaled received a message from the Pakistani President Zia ul Haq Wednesday. It was delivered by the Ambassador of Pakistan Najmul Saqib, in the presence of Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and Special Adviser Or. Rashad Pharaon.

The King sent congratulatory cables to the presidents of Somalia and Rwanda on the occasion of the independence of their countries, to the president of Burundi and the Governor General of Canada on the occasion of their national days.

Prince Abdullah received the Iraqi Ambassador Shafiq Al Oarrar and the U.S. Ambassador Robert Neumann separately at his office here.

Producers increase share of world oil lubricating market

KUWAIT, July 1 (R) — Oil-exporting countries are increasing their share of the world lubricating oil market from the fifteenth they hold at present, the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said Wednesday.

OAPEC said in the editorial of its monthly bulletin that Arab oil-producing countries had a competitive advantage in producing finished lubricants, which were of strategic importance for civilian and military purposes. In the early 1970s, major oil companies controlled half the market, independent companies 40 percent and national oil companies of oil-producing states 10 percent.

"The trend is toward an increasing share for the national oil companies who control about 20 percent share of production," it said. OAPEC forecast the Arab world would produce more lubricating oil than it used. It estimated Arab consumption at 893,000 tons last year, 1.2 million in 1985 and two million by 1995.

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Completed on time King to open Petroline in 2 months

By a Staff Writer

YANBU, July 1 — The east-west crude oil pipeline, which became operational Wednesday, will be officially opened by King Khaled within two months, officials here said.

A ceremony was held Wednesday to mark the operational experiment of the Petroline which carries crude to this industrial city terminal 1,202 kms east. The ceremony, attended by Petromin's Governor Or. Abdul Hadi Taher and senior officials, began with the first shipment of 1.5 million barrels loaded by *Yanbu Pride* for Western markets. Dr. Taher was very happy over completion of this "giant project" and its experimental commissioning. He added that the accomplishment was the result of great efforts made by all the government departments concerned with the project.

Dr. Taher said the feasibility study of the project had been prepared by several official departments, and that it was considered of great economic utility for the Kingdom as it shortened a long distance, nearly 5,000 kms in respect of Europe and the United States.

The Petromin chief made it clear that no Saudi oil will now be exported via Lebanon, with the exception of small quantities for the local consumption in Lebanon and Jordan. He said that all crude deliveries will now be effected from Ras Tanura port on the eastern shores of the Kingdom.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Hussein Linjawi, deputy chairman for technical and planning affairs at Petromin, said that it was only an experimental beginning and "we hope that the project will be officially dedicated by King Khaled two months from now".

Linjawi said it is considered to be the largest seaport in the world constructed simultaneously with the project. He added that it will occupy the third place in the world as regards the quantity of oil exports to foreign countries.

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Sultan tells graduates

King helped bring Sahara peace

TAIF, July 1 (SPA) — King Khaled has contributed considerably to the proposed peaceful solution of the Saharan problem, Defense Minister Prince Sultan said here Wednesday.

The Prince attending a graduation ceremony at the Signal Corps Academy, said the King and the government had helped bring about a peaceful process in the region. Their efforts also were crowned with success when Morocco and Mauritania agreed to resume diplomatic relations through Saudi Arabian mediation in Riyadh earlier this week. King Hassan and President Haidala met, shook hands and agreed to normalize their relations.

At the recently concluded summit conference of the Organization of African Unity,

Promotions announced

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, July 1 — Sheikh Asaad Gindeel, vice chairman of Siraj H. Zahran Co. Ltd. has announced the recent promotions of three leading staff members. The promotions include M. Al-Fihed to assistant sales manager, Tarig M. Yassin to head of planning and evaluation department, and Al-Zi'hem Hamdeen to head of sales and promotional department.

U.N. agencies discuss Arab program

GENEVA, July 1 (SPA) — Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, president of the Gulf Arab states program to support U.N. humanitarian services, met here Wednesday with the heads of the seven major U.N. agencies to discuss their relations with the program. He is also honorary assistant to the secretary general for United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

Since his appointment, Prince Talal has been collecting donations from the Gulf governments to set up the program and bolster the work of the U.N. where it is most needed. He aims at a fund of \$200 million, of which Saudi Arabia has contributed \$60 million.

The heads of these agencies are James Grant, executive director of UNICEF; Brad-

ford Morse, administrator of UNDP; Francis Blanchard, director general of ILO; Dr. Abd El Rahman Khane, director general of UNIDO; Dr. Halfdan Mahler, director general of WHO; Mahiar M. Bow, director general of UNESCO; and Edward Saouma, Director general of FAO.

Prince Sultan also referred to ongoing mediation efforts to settle the dispute between Syria and Iraq. "I do not think there is any serious difference between them because they are offering to support each other in the face of any aggression," he said.

Prince Sultan scoffed at rumors that the radar mounted planes AWACS operating in the Kingdom at present would be useful to Israel, and that this was the reason why the U.S. had agreed to supply them. "This is absolutely wrong," he said. "Neither the U.S. nor any other party can ask the Kingdom to do anything in the interest of the Israeli enemy. This is rejected on all counts." The U.S. has not asked for this service because it knows the answer in advance.

The forthcoming Arab summit will be held in November as scheduled originally, but the government of the Kingdom will attend an earlier meeting if the other Arab states see fit to hold one, he said, when asked about the visit of the PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and his meeting with King Khaled.

In other news, Makkah Governor Prince Majed Tuesday evening honored the first group of 777 graduates from Al-Qura University. The ceremony was attended by Sheikh Hassan bin Abdullah Al-Sheikh, the

minister of higher education and chancellor of Saudi Arabian universities.

In a speech on the occasion, dean Dr. Rashed Al-Rajeh recalled that the first Sharia College in Makkah began in 1949. Today, he said, the graduates of Al-Qura's Sharia Faculty are obtaining 12 doctorate degrees, 57 master's degrees, and 270 B.A.'s. Those graduating from the Faculty of Education are obtaining 38 master's degrees, 59 diplomas and 248 B.A.'s, in addition to 93 who obtained diplomas at the end of a training course to become directors of secondary, intermediate and primary schools.

Prince Majed congratulated the students and said he was proud of them and of Al-Qura University. He added that he was impressed by the number of post-graduate students who obtained their degrees.

COMMENT

By Muhammad Omar Al-Amoudi
Al Medina

At the office of the Director of Immigration in Jeddah, a guard stood bellowing at visitors and prohibiting them from entering the office. If he saw an expatriate standing in front of him, for instance, he pushed him away with his hand using a reproachful tongue. But, inside the office, the exemplary and ocal director, Col. Youssuf Fadhil, sat meeting people and receiving them with a smiling face.

It has become our society's phenomenon that a petty official considers himself a master and the visitor a slave. Yet another phenomenon we observe these days is that the petty official carries in himself a strange feeling for the foreigner and treats him harshly. Even if our society feels uneasy with the large number of expatriates, we should remember that they are who the country has called in to benefit from the services in the implementation of projects and the achievement of the state's objectives.

We have shaken off a number of vocations and have considered ourselves above menial jobs. In fact, most of us have focused attention on either being out of the job or becoming an employer straightaway. The bitter treatment and malicious attitude do not reflect our real society. I say this with confidence that this phenomenon is just the after-effect of the big leap which our society has experienced in the last few years.

We are called upon to purge our hearts from malice and to avoid being cramped in our thinking. No matter whether we hold a high or a low position, we should all remember that a job is more a responsibility than a distinction and the state has placed us in a specific position to serve people and not to order at our will.

Taif fixes water budget at SR600m

TAIF, July 1 (SPA) — Taif's 1981 Water and Sewage Department budget amounts to SR661,454,104, department Director Abdul Malek Waqqas said Wednesday. He added that SR600 million will be spent on the city's main potable and non-potable water network, the sewage and storm-water drainage system, the water purification plant and the incinerator in fiscal year 1981/82.

Implementation of a number of temporary projects will start after the Eid (the feast marking the end of the month of Ramadan in which Muslims fast). These projects include a new water network, pumps, an air reservoir for elevated areas, the reinforcement of the present network and the installation of pipes to connect a number of houses to the main network. In the meantime, Waqqas warned that any landlord who tries to "do it himself" and connects his house to the main network will be fined and penalized.

The official said that water will be supplied to the new areas here only after the present network has been improved. However, according to a plan drawn up by the department, water will be provided to Taif districts throughout the week. Among the most important springs for Taif are Al-Waht, Al-Waheet, Faisaleyyab, Sboubra and Al-Muthannah at Wadi Waj which will provide between 4,700—7,000 cubic meters per day, depending on the rain fall.

There is also the Torba project at Wadi Torba and Wadi Arwa which supplies between 6,000 and 15,000 cubic meters a day to both Taif and Al-Hada. Hada alone gets between 1,640 and 2,280 cubic meters daily.

Jordan minister departs Kingdom

JEDDAH, July 1 (SPA) — Jordan's Communications Minister Muhammad Al Zebn left here after signing an agreement for telecommunications cooperation with Dr. Alawi Kayyal, minister of post, telegraph and telephones.

The agreement called for an increase in the telecommunications circuits between the two countries which will be carried out in three phases one of them immediately and the other two on a long-term basis. Saudi Arabia also will assist Jordan expand and develop its telephone network.

He said he had discussed with Dr. Kayyal the proposed cable to link the Kingdom with Syria and Jordan and this was a vital project in the service of the three countries. Kayyal said the project will increase the size of the communications services.

Ramadan warning issued

JEDDAH, July 1 — On the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan non-Muslim residents are advised against offending the feelings of Muslims by eating and drinking openly during the day.

A statement issued by the interior ministry last week for the purpose, requested non-Muslims to avoid hurting the feelings of the Muslims who will be

fasting from dawn to dusk. Those found guilty of defying this request will face penalties and deportations.

The ministry said it hoped that all foreign residents will abide by the rules by showing due regard to the country's religion and traditions. It also urged companies to draw the attention of their employees to respect Islamic sentiments in this regard.

Center graduates railroad trainees

DAMMAM, July 1 (SPA) — Sheikh Faisal Al-Sbuhayyel, president of the General Railways Organization, attended Wednesday the graduation of two new groups of 74 trainees from the organization's functional training center.

The officials were trained on electricity, minerals, accounting, and diesel mechanics. The center was inaugurated only last month to raise the efficiency of the organization's personnel and help them specialize in their respective fields. Its certificates are equivalent to those of training centers in the Kingdom and recognized by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs.

Dr. Abdul Aziz Al-Yahya'i, the director of the center, reviewed the organization's efforts in training its staff. He stressed the need of having well trained personnel and instructors.

Meanwhile, the Communications Ministry has approved three major road projects which will be carried out under the current five-year development plan, according to Al Medina Tuesday.

The newspaper quoted Minister Sheikh Hussain Mansouri as saying that the roads will link Riyadh with Qasim and Dammam, Riyadh with the Western Province and Medina with Jeddah.

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DR. ABDUL FATTAH NAZER
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
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MAINTENANCE AND OBJECTIVES:

The seminar was organized by Dallah Avco within the framework of a planned training programme aimed at improving the skills and performance of its employees; and the establishment of clearly defined criteria for drawing up and implementing an effective overall maintenance control system.

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PROF. KENNETH STACHON SPEAKING AT THE MAINTENANCE SEMINAR.

Dallah Avco Trans Arabia (DATAC) enjoys a well deserved reputation as the Kingdom's number one maintenance company, especially in the field of airport maintenance and operation

The seminar was conducted by professor Kenneth P. Stachon of the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, U.S.A. and was in two parts. The first of these was held on the 17th and 18th of June and was attended by site managers.

Topics discussed covered maintenance planning, scheduling and control systems, and specific subjects which came under discussions included — benefits of good maintenance planning;

— facilities and equipment requirements

of maintenance control centers;

- maintenance planners role;
- technique of estimating labor costs;
- job analysis and the application and use of computers in planning and scheduling etc.

The second part of the seminar was held from the 20th to the 22nd of June, and was attended by DATAC'S supervisors. It dealt specifically with the subject of "Maintenance Management for First-Time Maintenance Supervisors." It covered managerial qualities, organizational approaches, communications, types of work measurement, job evaluation and planning etc.

Prof. Kenneth Stachon gave examples of the practical use and application of computers in maintenance control management, logistics and interactive processes

sing of material handling.

CONTINUOUS TRAINING COURSES:

In an interview, Dr. Abdul Fattah Nazer, Director General of DATAC announced that the seminar was arranged within a comprehensive training programme prepared by his company aimed at improving productivity and raising the skills of all employees within the company and other sister companies. DATAC believes that training shall be helpful to the progress of all participating companies in raising the level of their operational competence, within the scope of their respective fields of interest.

Such seminars are periodically arranged by the company in conjunction with either scientific organizations or training

specialists from its own training center, both on a general level covering subjects like accounting, computers and management and on a much more specialized level covering all technical, managerial and scientific aspects of maintenance, which is the backbone of the company's business activities.

He added that such seminars and training courses have a tremendous positive impact on raising productivity and improving the overall standard of skills and competence of employees. This in turn enhances the already good reputation that DATAC enjoys Kingdomwide. In addition, the following results are obtained:—

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For Islamic and Arab countries

IDB approves \$95.2m in credits

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, July 1 — The Islamic Development Bank approved \$95.2 million worth of interest-free credits to Arab and Islamic countries. The Jeddah-based bank gave Algeria \$18 million in credit to import industrial goods and Pakistan received \$16 million to buy vessels for its new state tanker company.

Other transactions Tuesday included \$15 million for Bangladesh to import cotton, \$15 million to Senegal to purchase sunflower seeds and North Yemen received \$10 million to pay for imported petroleum products.

Al-Anqari returns from sports talks

JEDDAH, July 1 (SPA) — Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari, minister of labor and social affairs and acting president of the Youth Welfare Organization, returned here from Amman, Tuesday evening. He led the Kingdom's delegation to meetings of the executive bureau of the Arab Youth and Sports Ministers Council.

The meeting, held on June 28, discussed the organization of an Arab sports and school tournament in Amman next year and in Morocco the following year, as well as the Euro-Arab dialogue on sports.

Addressing the Executive Bureau of the Arab Council of Ministers of Culture and Youth Affairs conference, Anqari called for boosting cooperation among Arab Youth and raising their potentials to enable them to participate in the Arab development process.

The bureau — which includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Lebanon, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan — began its meeting here Tuesday night.

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bank signed an agreement to give Senegal a \$3 million loan to improve the production of sorghum and animal husbandry. Dr. Ali signed the agreement along with Senegalese Charge d'Affaires Mansour Saka.

Syria, the Maldives, Cameroun, Niger and Djibouti were the recipients of credits from the bank, which was created by the 40-nation Organization of Islamic Conference.

The council session, which was chaired by bank president Dr. Ahmed Muhammad Ali, agreed to increase the bank's financial contribution to the Jordanian Fertilizer Company. The IDB has been the first and most active institution in adopting Islamic banking principles. According to the bank's fifth annual report for 1400H (up to November 1980), the institution has managed to commit most of its ID760 million paid up capital and would need at least the remaining complement of its ID2 billion (\$8.4 billion) authorized capital for the next half decade, according to a Saudi Business report on Islamic banking.

The increase was approved at the Taif summit in January, and ratified by the bank's annual board meeting in early March. Since its inception, the bank has been anxious to actively use its funds to aid development in legitimate Islamic ways, according to Dr. Ahmad Meenai, the bank's vice president. In

Under \$400m agreement Hyundai to build Arab ships

By a Staff Writer
DAMMAM, July 1 — The United Arab Shipping Company (UASC) has contracted the Republic of Korea's Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. to build nine 35,500 deadweight-ton containerships. The contract is considered to be the largest single new building contract in ship-building history.

The \$400 million contract calls for the containerships to be of approximately 1,800 TEU's and supply 14,000 TEU containers for the shipping company. The contract was secured after strong competition from more than 10 international shipyards and the final competition was among Hyundai, European and Japanese shipyards, according to recent reports.

UASC Chairman Eid Abdullah Yousef from Bahrain, and chief executive Abdulaziz Hussein Salatt from Qatar concluded the contract on behalf of UASC with Hyundai executives Tuesday morning. Payment will

be made on a cash basis and the vessels will be built by Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. at its Ulsan shipyard. The vessels will be powered by a Hyundai BNV main engine developing 18,400 bhp and will operate at a speed of 18 knots.

Since 1976, the company has built twenty-four 23,000 dwt multi-purpose vessels and four 19,700 dwt containerships in Hyundai Heavy Industries shipyard.

an interview with Saudi Business magazine, the British-trained economist said that of paramount importance to the bank is "the question of devising a certain instrument of financing which conforms to the Sharia and at the same time serves the purpose of assisting economic development."

The bank also is founding a research and training institute to speed the creation and investigation of new, acceptable financing models as well as training bankers and collect data. It also now has five principal different types of business development loans, equity participation, asset leasing, profit sharing investment and technical assistance.

The institution also has developed an acceptable and developmentally useful way of profitably storing some of its short-term surplus cash. And foreign trade financing operations now are being opened to large private placements.

At the year's end, the bank had ID267 million (\$347.1 million) in financing foreign trade operations; ID38 million (\$49.4 million) had been disbursed to loans and technical assistance, 9.6 percent of its outstanding commitments worth ID420 million (\$525.6 million) and ID97 million (\$126.1 million) was spread through an array of different investments that were carried out to satisfy the Sharia.

Meanwhile, the Paris director of the World Muslim League bureau, Dr. Abdel Halim Khaldoun Wednesday hailed the leading role played by Saudi Arabia in backing the Arab and Islamic causes and issues.

Dr. Khaldoun praised the financial aid extended by the Kingdom to the nations of the Islamic world. In this context, he pointed out the recent donation of Saudi Arabia valued at 1.5 million French francs for the Islamic Dawa (educators) entrusted with constructing 19 mosques throughout France.

He said the Islamic bureau in Paris is currently considering the translation and publication of Islamic books in to the French language.

Officials credit Kingdom's efforts in Muslim causes

JEDDAH, July 1 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the World Muslim League, said in a cable to King Khaled Tuesday that efforts exerted by Saudi Arabia to restore relations between Morocco and Mauritania were a great step towards the closing of Muslim ranks.

Harakan told the King that Muslims must mobilize all their potentialities and strength to fight their common and only enemy (Israel) that is still withholding the Muslims' first Qibla and third holiest shrine: Al-Aqsa Mosque.

He said all Muslims throughout the world appreciate the role played by Saudi Arabia under the wise guidance of its King, which led to such a blessed achievement. He addressed similar cables to King Hassan II of Morocco and Mauritanian President Muhammad Khona Ould Haïdallah.

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AMI signs contract

TAIF, July 1 — A contract for the operation of the new Baha hospital was signed here Tuesday by Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazairi and AMI Saudi Arabia Ltd., a Saudi-U.S. joint venture.

(Arab News erroneously reported yesterday that the contract was signed with the Swedish A.M.A. company)

Seminar to discuss manpower

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, July 1 — Business International's eighth seminar on the Middle East will be devoted entirely to the subject of human resources development in Saudi Arabia, according to an announcement by the Geneva-based publication.


The seminar will deal with human resources in the Kingdom from the perspective of what several leading companies are doing to meet the demands of the current situation, and how they resolve the important and practical problems of recruiting, training, compensating and developing their personnel. All key issues related to the development of local, third-country national and expatriate personnel will be covered.

The September seminar will feature a

six-member panel of business executives with experience in the Middle East and Saudi Arabia. Some of the issues to be dealt will include manpower, recruiting, training, Saudi Arabian labor rules and regulations and other areas in finding and developing skilled labor and managerial personnel, which the organizers says will continue to be a critical corporate problem in Saudi Arabia for years to come. The seminar will take place in Switzerland.

Saudi Arabia's Third Plan will attempt to enhance participation and welfare in development through the various social development programs, one objective is to encourage and assist all members of Saudi society to make an effective contribution to the development of the nation.


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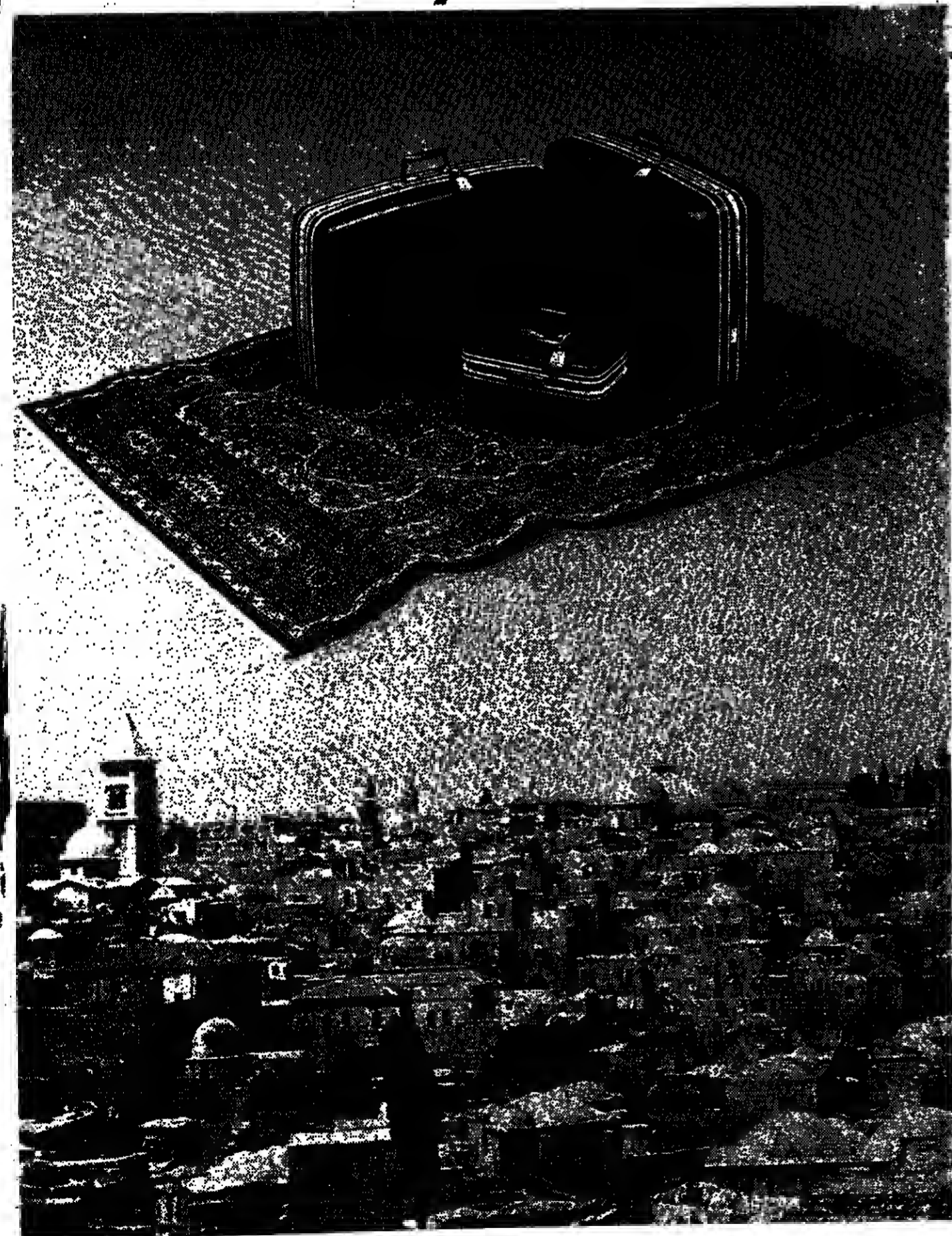
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Khomeini defends clergy in politics

BEIRUT, July 1 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini Wednesday defended the right of Iran's clergy to get involved in politics to safeguard the Islamic revolution. "Islam without clergy is like medicine without a doctor," the 81-year-old leader of the Iranian revolution said.

In an hour-long speech broadcast by Tehran radio Khomeini admonished his 36 million countrymen to "elect a suitable new president who would not drive us toward America or cast aside the Majlis (parliament) and clergy." Khomeini spoke to a delegation of ulemas (clergy) from Tehran at his residence. The speech in Farsi was monitored in Beirut.

"America's hands came out from the sleeves of those traitors who committed the recent crime against Islam," Khomeini said, referring to Sunday's bomb massacre of Chief Justice Ayatollah Muhammad Beheshti and 73 other leaders of his Islamic Republic Party.

"I said before there will be troubles," Khomeini said. "Now I am more convinced we will have more and more from now on."

S. Korea, Iraq to have consular relations

SEOUL, July 1 (AP) — South Korea and Iraq have agreed to establish consular relations, the foreign ministry announced Wednesday.

A ministry spokesman said the accord was reached last April 15.

Iraq has already appointed as its first consul-general in Seoul Riyad Ali Sabu Al-Azawi, who arrived here last Friday to prepare for the opening of his consulate general, said the ministry spokesman. He declined to say whether Seoul has appointed its consul-general in Baghdad.

By Algeria

Morocco-Mauritania peace hailed

ALGIERS, July 1 (SPA) — Algeria has welcomed the restoration of diplomatic relations between Morocco and Mauritania as a result of the successful conclusion of the tripartite meeting in Taif between King Khalid, Moroccan King Hassan and Mauritania President Muhammad Khoua Ould Haïdara.

An official statement issued here Tuesday said Algeria was keen to preserve the unity of Arab ranks and avoid any feuds that might have hindered the pace of development in the north African Arab state. The statement said Algeria fully endorsed and bails the normalization of relations between the two neighboring states.

The mosques must be turned into bunkers for Islamic volunteers. Khomeini said the clergy "must not be cast aside...we are legitimately responsible to take part in politics...You have no other choice but to get involved in order to protect Islam."

Turning to the July 24 presidential election to choose a successor to ousted President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, Khomeini urged the ulemas to encourage voters to go to the polls.

"We have to urge people to go to the polls and not to be indifferent," he said. "But you have to be careful about whom we are giving the country. For if we have an unsuitable president, everything will be destroyed."

The new president, Khomeini, went on, "must at least believe in Islam. You must make certain that he is a dedicated Muslim so that we would not suffer from an unsuitable president who would drive us toward America."

Khomeini spoke as the nation's parliament paid a tearful tribute to the 74 fundamentalists killed in Sunday's bombing in Tehran and as the government announced 10 leftist "counter-revolutionaries" were executed by firing squads in the northern city of Tabriz. The portraits of 27 parliament members killed in Sunday's bombing of the IRP headquarters in Tehran were placed on their seats as a public session was held to set a date for by-elections to fill the vacancies.

To get a quorum for the session, five deputies injured in the bomb massacre were brought from hospital, three of them entering parliament hall in wheelchairs, Iran's official News Agency Pars reported. In a voice choked with emotion and with tears, Speaker Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani opened the session by reading out the names of the 27 dead deputies.

Rafsanjani then attacked all opposition groups, including ousted President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and his supporters.

Meanwhile, a Moroccan newspaper lauded the efforts exerted by King Khalid toward achieving a reconciliation and overcoming the misunderstandings between Morocco and Mauritania. Commenting on the restoration of normal relations between Rabat and Nouakchout the newspaper *Le Opinion* noted that King Khalid's sincere peace initiative would surely pave way for boosting cooperation between the two states that are faced with the enormous challenges.

The newspaper disclosed that Morocco and Mauritania will witness a new era characterized by mutual respect and honesty of the benefits of future generations of the two countries.

'Mediterranean has about 30 U.S. warships'

WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP) — The Defense Department Tuesday eased a restriction on information about U.S. naval deployment when spokesman Henry Catto told a briefing that there are "somewhat fewer than 30" United States naval ships in the Mediterranean.

About five weeks ago, Catto refused to discuss numbers of U.S. warships deployed in the Mediterranean during the Syrian-Israeli crisis, then "seemingly headed for a climax. Catto said at the time that his refusal to provide such details on naval deployments was a change of policy from that which prevailed under the Carter administration, but he did not rule out easing those restrictions later.

The spokesman's new disclosure of U.S. naval strength in the Mediterranean came in response to a question asked at a routine briefing. Catto said at the same time that the Russians had 48 ships in the Mediterranean, which he described as "near their normal level." Asked if the Pentagon will clamp down on providing information about U.S. naval movements in the event the Syrian-Israeli crisis heats up again, Catto replied: "I reserve the right to become inscrutable again."

BRIEFS

ANKARA, (R) — Turkish authorities Wednesday told Ankara's 2.4 million residents not to use the municipal water supplies until further notice because of contamination at a reservoir.

LUSAKA, (AFP) — A nonaligned ministerial mission attempting to end the nine-month Gulf war between Iran and Iraq will hold a two-day meeting here from July 4, a foreign ministry spokesman said Wednesday. The meeting will be attended by foreign ministers from Zambia, Cuba and India and a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

THE HAGUE, (AFP) — The arbitration court set up by the Algiers agreements last January to settle financial disputes between the United States and Iran met officially here Wednesday.

ISTANBUL, (AP) — A farmer in Konya, central Turkey, dug out 207 coins presumably dating back to the Hellenistic period in Asia Minor, the semi-official Anatolia News Agency reported Tuesday. Dursun Kilit, a farmer in the Ereğli district of Konya, struck a large earthenware jar while ploughing land, Anatolia said.

ALGIERS, (AFP) — Two once-powerful political figures, former National Geodermic Commander Ahmad Benshef and former Agriculture Minister Tayebi Larbi, were purged from the Algerian leadership Tuesday, apparently for corruption.

Haig lauds initiative

Pakistan studies EEC plan on Afghan peace

ISLAMABAD, July 1 (Agencies) — The European Economic Community proposal to convene a two-stage international conference on resolving the Afghan crisis "is being studied" by Pakistan, a Foreign Office spokesman has said.

In a resolution, the Luxembourg summit of EEC leaders Tuesday called for inviting India, Pakistan and the secretary-general of the 40-nation Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) to attend the first phase of an international meeting aimed at achieving the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

"The proposal has reached Islamabad and is being considered" Pakistani Foreign Office sources said, refusing to comment on whether Pakistan would agree to participate.

Pakistan had earlier showed a lack of interest in a similar French proposal advanced by former President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in January this year on the ground that the idea did not specify the status of Afghans fighting the Soviet occupation. The preconditions for any political solution, according to Pakistan, should include the withdrawal of Soviet troops, restoration of the Islamic and constitutional status of Afghanistan and the honorable return home from Pakistan of more than two million Afghan refugees.

Meanwhile, in Washington, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Tuesday endorsed new diplomatic initiatives aimed at

Arafat visits Kuwait

KUWAIT, July 1 (SPA) — The chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat arrived here Wednesday from Taif as part of his current tour to the Gulf states. Arafat will hold talks with the Kuwaiti officials on development of the Palestine issue.

In Taif, Arafat held a meeting with King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd and briefed them on proposals for solving the Palestine issue.

Delhi, Dacca discuss refugee issue

NEW DELHI, July 1 (AP) — India and Bangladesh have opened talks over the exodus into northeastern India of hundreds of Bangladesh tribals fleeing an army drive against insurgents in their homeland, an Indian spokesman said Wednesday.

Authoritative sources at the Indian Foreign Office separately told the Associated Press that 700-800 tribes people may have perished in Bangladesh Army attacks on tribal settlements since June 25. The figure appeared on the high side and could not be independently confirmed. Officials said that the Indian high commissioner in Dacca, the Bangladesh capital, met officials of the Bang-

ending the conflicts in Afghanistan and Cambodia. "These two issues are at the very heart of the increase in international tension in recent years," Haig said in a statement read by his spokesman, Dean Fischer.

Haig gave his blessing to the attempt by the EEC to promote a political solution in Afghanistan by proposing an international conference for this fall.

"The combination of Vietnam's invasion of Kampuchea in 1978 and the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 created a strong reaction of the part of a vast majority of members of the United Nations," Haig said.

He said the American objective in both Afghanistan and Cambodia is the withdrawal of outside forces and the restoration of the nonaligned and neutral status to the countries.

On the Afghan front, six Soviet soldiers were reported shot in rebel attacks in Kabul and heavy fighting continued in some area of Afghanistan last week, Western diplomatic sources said in New Delhi Wednesday.

Four Russian soldiers were shot by rebels in front of a cinema in the Shar-i-Nau area of Kabul June 22 and four Afghan gunmen were seen to get away on two motorcycles, the sources said. It was not known whether the Russians were killed. The same day two Soviet soldiers were shot dead outside the Soviet embassy and one of two rebel gunmen was seized by nearby Afghan troops, the sources said.

The rebels struck again June 24 shooting dead an Afghan military officer outside the interior ministry in Kabul, and the official media reported June 26 that a religious leader, Maulawi Abdul Hamid, had been assassinated June 24.

The sources said there had been reports of heavy fighting in the city of Kandahar, south-west of Kabul, where the rebels had attacked a number of Afghan government installations last week.

America blames OAU for not attacking Libya

WASHINGTON, July 1 (AFP) — The United States has accused the Organization of African Unity (OAU) of distorting U.S. views on South Africa and denounced the pan-African body for not condemning Libya's intervention in Chad.

"We found the OAU resolutions on both South Africa and Namibia to contain serious distortions of the policy that we are actually pursuing in those areas," the department spokesman Dean Fischer said. The OAU resolutions were "unhelpful contributions to our common efforts," he said.

Fischer said that the United States was also concerned about the summit's decision to hold the 1982 OAU summit in Tripoli, which would give Libya the chairmanship of the OAU next year. The 18th annual summit of OAU heads-of-state ended in Nairobi Sunday.

"We are disappointed that the OAU summit did not condemn the clear violations of OAU principles in the intervention by Libya in the Chadian conflict and the occupation of Chad by Libya," Fischer said. He expressed the hope that an African peacekeeping force envisaged at the Nairobi summit would be set up and deployed quickly, "so that the Libyans may be quickly withdrawn and peace and economic development may once again take root in that troubled land."

Hamadou renamed Djibouti premier

DIJBOUTI, July 1 (AFP) — President Hassan Gouled Apidon has renamed Prime Minister Barkat Gourat Hamadou as the head of Djibouti's next government. Gourat resigned earlier Tuesday following the re-election of the president June 12.

Gouled, who accepted Gourat's resignation, asked him to form this Horn of Africa country's next government during a 30-minute meeting.

Greece heat wave claims 18 lives

ATHENS, July 1 (AFP) — Six more persons have died from heart attacks caused by a heat wave that has afflicted Greece for the last five days, bringing the death toll so far to 18. The six new victims, five men and a woman, were aged between 20 and 85.

Athens has experienced temperatures between 37 degrees Centigrade and 44 degrees Centigrade. The Greek weather service predicted a slight drop in temperature for Wednesday.

The Athens observatory recorded 32 earth tremors centred on the Ionian Island of Zakini in the 24 hours up to 0400 GMT Wednesday but no death or damage was reported.



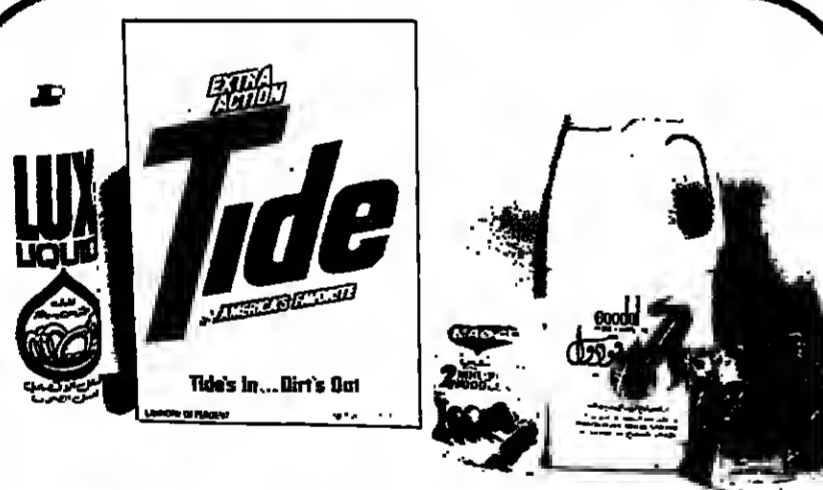
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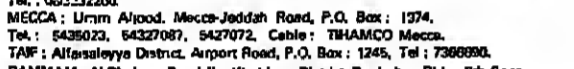
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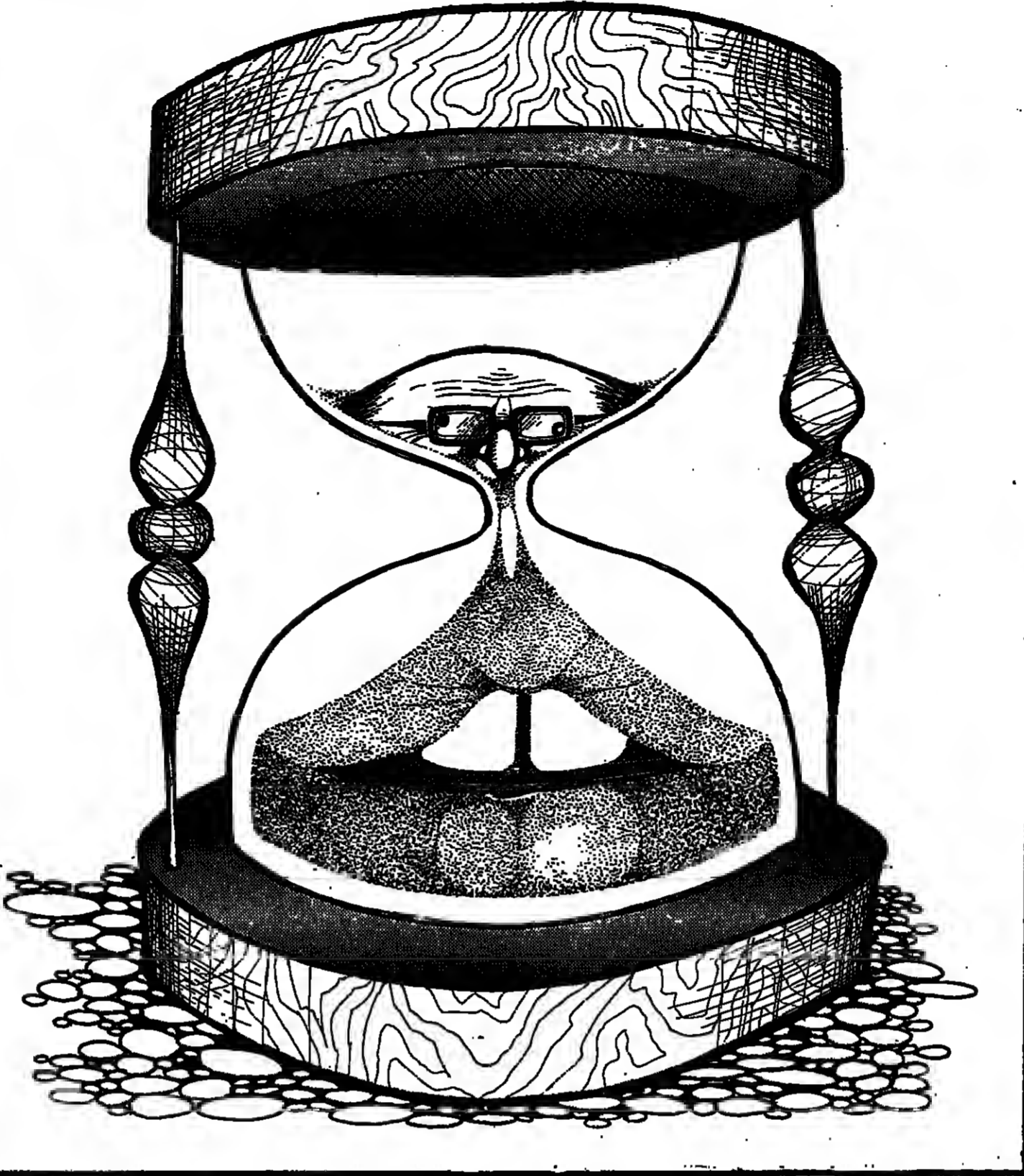
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Karamoja threatened with new drought

By T.R. Lansner

IRIRI, Karamoja — Constantino Awobe, headmaster of Kaput Primary School in this village on the western edge of Karamoja, pointed to crops beginning to wither in his school's garden. "The women here have been gathering to pray for rain," he said. Most of Karamoja, where as many as 30,000 people died of starvation and disease during last year's famine, had had virtually no rain for the past two months. Hopes for an abundant harvest are fading like the temporary greenness brought by heavy rains in March.

Here at Iriri, Oxfam agriculturalist John Whitechurch has helped Karamojong tribespeople to plant nearly 2,000 acres of maize and sorghum. Because Iriri receives about the highest rainfall in Karamoja, and because Whitechurch encouraged early planting, a fair harvest may still be realized. In the rest of the region, the renewed drought is severe, and relief operations scheduled to end on August 31 will have to continue.

Ben Foot, project director for the Save the Children Fund, said in the district capital of Moroto that agencies must make urgent plans for further good supplies to Karamoja. "In this area in May," he said, "we had the lowest recorded rainfall since 1962. This has been a disaster."

Maize, which accounts for about half the crops planted this year, is already badly affected in many places, stunted and flowering prematurely. Sorghum, the other main crop, can fare better if rains come within the next month, although the dry and hot weather has brought many pests, including army worms and grasshoppers, which are damaging fields of slowly desiccating grain.

Foot says there has been a sudden increase in the number of children being cared for in feeding centers over the past three weeks. He fears this trend might accelerate because of the lack of protein in relief food and the absence of buffer stocks. "There has been no protein coming into Karamoja from the U.N. World Food Program for the past two

months," Foot said, and added: "If it does rain, as everyone prays it will, the food allocation will not get through because transport will be bogged down."

U.N. officials say a nutritionist recently in Karamoja found the present relief food diet of maize to be sufficient. They also claim it is dangerous for relief workers to keep too much food in stock, for fear of raiders. Disputes among relief agencies regarding how much food is necessary, development strategies, and population cloud coherent planning and coordination.

Oxfam's Uganda representative, Gilbert Greenall, hopes soon to commission an aerial survey of the region to destroy what he calls "the myths of Karamoja."

"There is absolutely no scientific approach to any of this," he said in Moroto, while discussing the conflicting approaches of relief agencies. "We don't even know how many people are in Karamoja." One matter on which most people in Karamoja

agree is that cattle raiding is as serious a cause of recent hardship as the lack of rain.

"At Iriri," headmaster Awobe said, "we were going to set up an animal husbandry project, but raiders may disturb the school because of the keeping of animals." More than 150 Karamojong were killed in late May near Kotido, in northern Karamoja; raiders from the Turkana and Dodoth tribes stole an estimated 15,000 cattle.

Unless they are well armed, Karamojong clans are forced to make the wrenching transition from nomadic herding to settled agriculture. "Security causes it," said Oxfam's Whitechurch. "They don't want cows because they would get them killed." A few months ago, he said, the 10 men who drive tractors for him were warriors: "They had never sat on a piece of machinery."

Relief operations, and more importantly, development programs, will have to continue in Karamoja for some time. (ONS)

Letter to the editor

Cheating at gas station

Sir,
Some 12 months ago, I was cheated out of few riyals on three occasions at a gas station in Riyadh. Instead of giving me the correct change, the attendants short-changed me, claiming that the cost was higher than the one indicated on the meter. I did not do anything about this, but stopped calling at that station. My friends told me that they had also been cheated at that station.

Last week, I was very low on gas and I had no choice but to stop at that station. I had stopped close to the pump and got out of the car, so that I could look at the meter. It stopped at SR5.65, the correct amount to pay for a tank full of gas for a Datsun 140-Y car. I gave the attendant a ten-riyal note. He walked off, and it took me a couple of sounds on the horn to attract his attention to give me four riyals change. He gave me two riyals

and when I challenged him, he claimed that the cost of the delivery was eight riyals.

As there were many other people in the queue, I drove off, thinking how could such open cheating be allowed in this almost crime-free Kingdom. They, the attendants, obviously practice this stealing on a grand scale, making a considerable amount of money at that station.

You may think that a couple of riyals here and there, will not impoverish the drivers of large American cars, who have enough money to forget about a couple of riyals; you are right — but it is the principle of the thing. One should pay for gas delivered, without having to stand over the meter and even then be robbed.

People should be warned about this bad practice.

Yours respectfully,
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SUCCESS OF ARAB PANEL

The siege of Zahle in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon is over. The event marks the first success of the Arab Follow-Up Committee, which has been trying to defuse the situation in Lebanon as a preliminary for a long-term solution to the state of civil war ravaging the country since 1975.

It was the events around Zahle, three months ago, which led to one of the most violent and widespread confrontations since the fighting in 1975-76. And it was this which in turn, led to the so-called "missile crisis" between Syria and Israel, as Israel downed two Syrian military helicopters over the Bekaa, and Syria responded by introducing its SAM batteries to the area. Easing the situation on and around Zahle is therefore expected to have a positive influence on this wider confrontation.

The success scored by the Arab Follow-Up Committee owes a great deal to the efforts of Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, which, within the committee, represent the general consensus of the Arab world as worked out by the Arab League. The two governments realized that the longer the question of Lebanon is left untreated the more dangerous it would become for the area as a whole, in addition to the suffering country itself.

The hope now is that the committee will capitalize quickly on its success. Its task is the solution of the Lebanese crisis through its "Arabization" — as failure to do this will inevitably lead to its "internationalization," with all the dangers this implies for the Arab world. An element of "internationalization," to be sure, has already made its appearance. Yet the committee's moves made sure that the initiative remains in Arab hands.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

In a lead story, *Al Medina* Wednesday reported that Saudi Arabian ambassadors accredited to Arab states, African and Asian countries will meet in a conference in Taif this month, chaired by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, to evaluate the Kingdom's policy within Arab, Islamic and African framework. *Al Bilad* and *Al Nadwa* led with the Kingdom's concern for a comprehensive solution to the Lebanese issue, highlighting royal greetings to Lebanese President Elias Sarkis on the success of the first step toward a national reconciliation. *Okaz* gave lead coverage to events in Iran, while questioning whether the Iranian army would intervene to control the deteriorating situation in the country.

In a front-page story, *Al Bilad* reported the King's audience with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Jordanian Minister of Communications Dr. Muhammad Al-Zeit in Taif Tuesday. *Al Bilad* and *Al Nadwa* also highlighted French President Francois Mitterrand's reaffirmation of the Palestinian people's right to a homeland. Newspapers carried as a page one story Iranian spiritual leader Khomeini's denouncing of ousted President Bani-Sadr's supporters for the bomb blast at the headquarters of the Islamic Republican Party in Tehran. Newspapers also reported the return of peace in Zahle after the entry of Lebanese security forces into the area.

In an editorial on solidarity *Al Medina* observed that the enemies of Muslims and Arabs found their solidarity harmful so they tried their best to create discord and dissension among the ranks of Arabs and Muslims. In this connection, the paper referred to the Camp David accords and the activities of the communist camp under the smokescreen of revolution, progressivism and other similar slogans. It said that because of the Arab and Islamic disarray, Israel felt encouraged to enhance its hostile acts until it attacked the Iraqi nuclear reactor and destroyed it completely. The paper praised the Kingdom's successful efforts toward solidarity which was reflected in the recent rapprochement between Morocco and Mauritania.

Discussing Saudi Arabian diplomacy, *Okaz* said it is racing with time in its efforts to restore the usurped rights of the people of Palestine. It said the Kingdom's diplomatic efforts has made America realize that it will have to take an objective view of the Middle East issue if it is really interested in maintaining friendship with the Arabs. Not only this, Saudi Arabia's diplomatic efforts successfully have prevailed upon Europe to take independent steps, beginning with the recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The paper also mentioned the Kingdom's successful mediation between Morocco and Mauritania and the return of peace in Zahle, Lebanon.

The present situation, as well as the attitude of the Israeli enemy and some groups in Beirut, call upon the legitimate authority in Lebanon to move quickly to consolidate peace and stability in the country, the paper said. It felt a great need for the presence of the Lebanese forces in the southern part of the country too, where the enemy is busy in his expansionist and terrorist policies. However, the present step in Zahle makes political observers, as well as the man on the street in Lebanon, very optimistic toward the realization of security and stability in the country, the paper concluded.

Al Bilad also devoted its editorial to focusing light on the return of calm in Zahle, which it described as a basic prelude to stability and security throughout Lebanon. The paper said that the present situation in Lebanon sends out further hope and optimism, but it should not be considered a yardstick for events because South Lebanon is still under the spell of an uneasy calm. It added, however, that the quiet situation in Zahle is a fruitful step toward encouraging the continuity of the efforts of the Arab Follow-Up Committee.

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China cracks down on army

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON — China's army, which not long ago was called on to swear a loyalty oath, has now been told the punishments for defying military regulations. A 26-article decree passed recently by the National People's Council stipulates prison sentences for soldiers who lose or misuse their weapons, betray or steal state secrets, desert or wound themselves to avoid battle.

This list of possibilities will shock many older Chinese raised during a 50-year era of undiluted praise for the People's Liberation Army, which until recently has been hailed as wholly reliable. But the Gang of Four trial in January, at which top-ranking military chiefs were revealed as traitors and assassins, sullied the army's reputation, as did the inconclusive but costly 1979 invasion of Vietnam.

Such shocks, together with the armed services' fealty to Mao — whose own image has been chipped if not broken by his successors — provoked the general staff earlier this year to devise a soldier's oath "for every cadre and fighter" to the party and government.

The new army regulations highlight the continued shakiness of China's law and order. A spokesman for the National People's Congress, reporting on the need to crack down on criminals, conceded at the recent meeting that "the serious state of public order has not improved fundamentally." This judgment is echoed by Hunan province's first secretary, who told a June public security conference that sabotage and other criminal activities "have not taken a radical turn for the better."

According to the National People's Congress official, many provinces and regions have urged that executions for serious offenses, such as homicide, robbery, rape, explosions and arson, should not be reduced on appeal to the Supreme People's Court. He said the details of grave cases are rarely in doubt and injustices are unlikely, adding: "If we cannot strike promptly at serious and active criminal activity, the people will object."

One of the army's keenest concerns is the diversion of its weapons into criminal hands. In Canton, the authorities have warned of the penalties for possessing illegal arms, and have offered an amnesty to those who turn them in. The army's anxieties extend beyond weapon security. A noteworthy requirement of orders for Chinese soldiers is prevention of illegal emigration, especially to Hong Kong, the favorite escape hatch.

Border guards are cautioned against "favoritism," probably to smugglers, a rapidly growing breed along the coast, who provide Chinese with consumer goods from abroad but whose sale inside the country drains off precious foreign exchange. Perhaps most unexpected among the new orders are those governing battle itself, where soldiers are warned of the consequences of cowardice, disobeying orders and random surrendering.

Civilians are not to be harmed. One of Mao's early disciplinary orders to the Red Army was: "Do not take a single needle or piece of thread from the masses." Another ran: "Do not hit or swear at people."

Now, perhaps because of loud complaints from Hanoi about the conduct of Chinese soldiers in skirmishes along the Vietnamese border, the People's Liberation Army knows that seven years behind bars face any serviceman "who plunders or burns innocent residences in military operational areas."

Vietnam: A burning issue in Australia

By David Finkelstein and John L. London

SYDNEY — Years after its conclusion the Vietnam war is still a burning issue in Australia, where views on the subject clash with some cherished American positions. One of the major controversies is a dispute concerning Agent Orange, the chemical made by Dow and Monsanto used extensively to defoliate large areas of Vietnam.

Of the 49,000 members of the Australian armed forces to see duty in Vietnam more than 3,000 claim to have been affected by exposure to the defoliant. By comparison, out of more than 2 1/2 million U.S. service personnel who served in Vietnam only 6,000 have brought claims relating to Agent Orange.

The veterans' complaints range from sudden and inexplicable skin rashes, lesions, and loss of hair to birth defects in their children. Australian veterans are quick to point out that they were assigned to areas where the heaviest spraying took place. Whatever the case, these Australians have joined their American counterparts in a court action in the U.S. against Dow and Monsanto.

A further legacy of the war, according to the Australian Vietnam Veterans Association, is the high incidence of suicide among returned veterans, a figure variously estimated at between 460 and 1,200. The government argues that the statistic is an easily manipulated one and claims the rate is below the national average for the relevant age group.

Many of the Australian veterans with whom we talked criticized American soldiers' conduct during the war. Some were appalled at the racial tension that afflicted the American army and insist that it was a significant impediment to its success in the field.

As one former veteran, now involved in compiling a history of Australian participation in the war, put it: "Even though we sometimes jokingly used racial terms with one another, there was a much better relationship between Aborigine and white soldiers in our forces than between black and white in the U.S. Army." (Although most served in the lower ranks at least one Aborigine reached the rank of general.)

But more than the American soldiers' apparent racialism, Australians are critical of the indifference that characterized the attitude of many American officers toward their subordinates. "We Australians all shared the same tucker equally," one veteran said, "but we often saw instances where American officers grabbed the choicest field rations for themselves, leaving the dregs for their men."

On their return from the war, Australian veterans were often dismayed by the subdued welcome they were accorded. Some felt that social opprobrium was directed against them. "At dinners and parties," said one veteran, "I was constantly asked how I could do what I did, as if I personally had moral responsibility for the war."



Iran — Al Medina

Handwritten signature or note in Arabic script.

Tons of souvenirs marketed as royal wedding date nears

LONDON, (AFP) — One full month from the royal wedding, bells were ringing out across the country. Not the huge bronze bells of St. Paul's where Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer will be married on July 29, but the sharp "ping" of shop tills as souvenir-hunting Britons spend, spend, spend.

Virtually anything with a portrait of the young couple will find a market on street corners, and nearly every shop in London's West End has the same Charles-and-Diana portrait photo-poster taped to their windows.

With the tons of souvenirs being churned out to commemorate the wedding — everything from T-shirts to key-rings, replica engagement rings to Lady Di wigs — the British Design Council selected a few more acceptable items.

Among its choices: a Union Jack football rattle (95 pence), a diamond-encrusted gold brooch (400 pounds), and a wedding mug bearing a cartoon portrait of the prince, with its oversized handle modelled on one of his famous ears.

Newspapers meanwhile are crammed full of wedding offers. Cameras and tape-recorders are advertised with such unlikely

slogans as "make it a royal wedding to remember."

Readers of *The London Times* are being offered places at commemorative gala dinners... at commemorative prices. An evening at the Ritz will cost 55 pounds a head, against 70 pounds at the Savoy.

The London Hoteliers' Federation has announced proudly that hotel charges will not go up for the wedding. The rooms still available will soon be snapped up, it says. It's a safe prediction — some 500,000 extra tourists are expected to surge into London in late July.

Buckingham Palace press aides say wedding presents are already piling up, "from handkerchiefs to bits of furniture." Tradition has it that British royals decline gifts from strangers, but Prince Charles and Lady Diana are spurning nothing. "They have two empty houses to furnish, after all," reasoned deputy press secretary Anne Wall.

One house is the prince's magnificent place in the country, Highgrove in Gloucestershire. The other, the couple's London base, will be Kensington Palace.

While Hyde Park gardeners tend their

flowerbeds, which will provide much of the color for the wedding procession from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's, the city council is working out how to foot a large part of the nuptial bill. Its task will be to set up crowd barriers, organize pre-wedding celebrations, and carry out other vital tasks.

But the canny councillors have already ensured balancing their books by hiring out bits of tarmac outside the cathedral to news people willing to pay sky-high prices for a good lens-view of the royal couple. TV crews are paying 1,500 pounds for each such position, and individual photographers are being charged 180 pounds. During the rest of July, any public appearance by Lady Di will make a front-page picture in British newspapers, while speculation on her wedding dress and the couple's honeymoon plans has run to millions of words.

Not everyone is gripped by wedding fever. Anti-Royalists, for instance, are gnashing their teeth at what they see as needless expense. One labor-led local council has agreed to give its workers a day off on July 29, but says it will send the bill to the bridegroom.



ROYAL MEWS: One of the coaches that will be used July 29 for the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer. Shows here is a 1902 State Landau which will take the Prince of Wales from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's and then take the couple back from the cathedral to Buckingham Palace.

Belgians proclaim 'no more wars'

By Andrew Gowers

DIKSMUIDE, Belgium, (R) — The winds of war have long since died out in this market town, but every year thousands of Belgians gather here to remember one of the biggest battles of them all. It is a commemoration which has become linked with the extremes of Flemish nationalism.

During the last weekend in July, 50,000 Dutch-speaking Belgians trooped through pouring rain to the banks of the River IJzer, here tens of thousands lost their lives in World War I. Flemings, who make up more than half of Belgium's population, have been thered by Diksmuide's huge cross-shaped memorial almost every year since 1920 remember their dead. Their message is war. The memorial itself proclaims "no more war" in large letters.

"This is a demonstration of peace," said a Dutch-speaking Flemish Nationalist leader. "We want to show together that the little man to always suffers from war rejects it." But like war commemorations in other European countries, the IJzer gathering has an

added political tinge. Since its inception this event has been closely associated with another war, that between Belgium's Dutch and French speaking populations, and many of the speeches made recently did not seem to strike a chord with its peaceful intention.

The crowd sang rousing songs in praise of the Flemish fatherland and waved yellow banners displaying the lion of Flanders. Speakers called for Flanders to be made independent from Belgium.

"We will make no concessions in our bid to attain complete autonomy. We will not concede territory, men or money," Paul Dales, president of the organizing committee, told the crowd.

The country's French speakers, or Walloons, were nowhere to be seen. "I wouldn't dream of going up there," said a Franco-phone resident of bilingual Brussels. "I'd be skinned alive."

Virtually nobody present was old enough to have experienced the 1914-18 war at first hand. But the exclusively Flemish character of the meeting and the passions which the

arouses in Flanders have sound historical roots.

During the battle of the IJzer, large percentage of the soldiers at the front were Dutch-speaking. But their officers and the army's official language were French. Heavy Flemish casualties led to a deep sense of grievance against the French speakers, which is still alive today.

A spokesman for the organizers of the event explained: "As a lot of common people at the front experienced the deep meaning of belonging to a community, there was a growing desire to end the interior opinion of the Flemish people in the Belgian state."

As an indication of brotherhood, flags displayed around the monument showed the symbols of cultural minorities in other European countries, such as the Welsh in Britain. But literature handed out on the fringes of the crowd had other causes at heart, all to the right of the political spectrum.

The IJzer event has in the last few years become a rallying point for extreme right-wing groups from all over Europe. They have often paraded in para-military uniforms on the march to the memorial.

Belgium's "Flemish militant order" (VMO) was out in force despite a recent court decision in Antwerp making it an illegal organization. Its members, dressed in black leather jackets, distributed propaganda to the crowd.

The Belgian Anti-Fascist Front said before the event that other extreme right-wing groups including West Germany's "Military Sports Group Hoffmann" and Britain's "League of St. George" were expected.

The Anti-Fascist Front and a number of Jewish organizations have protested long and hard about the presence of what they describe as "anti-Democratic and Fascist elements" on the march. "We're not against the event as such," said a Front spokesman. "But we do object to the use of it by these groups and the police's apparent lack of will to act against them."

Their protests seem to have paid off. The police were reinforced by special squads drafted to the area from Ghent in case of trouble, and they clamped down hard this year. A police spokesman said they had made nearly 100 arrests.

Social etiquette concerns many

By Michael West

LONDON (AP) — Debbrett's Peacage, whose annual guide is compulsory reading for rich blue bloods, recently published its 50th comprehensive guide on social etiquette.

50 years. Covering everything from the "graces" to the butler's role. *Etiquette of Modern Manners* has some surprises, none them the finding that it is the middle class, and not the aristocracy, that now is most interested in "correct" behavior. It also says it's now ok to scoop peas off your plate with a fork instead of spearing them one by one on the prongs as used to be required.

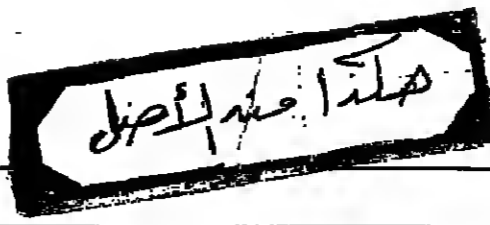
The book, compiled by a variety of experts on the social graces, says middle class wives are especially obsessed by questions of correct social etiquette, whether they are married to wealthy company chairmen who can't afford to employ a butler or simply would like to.

"By far the greatest number of inquiries we get are about etiquette," said Harold Brooks-Baker, managing director of Debbrett's.

"If people have a ticklish problem about a party they are giving, or what to do about the latest girlfriend the son is bringing home, they call us or write to us," he said. "We sometimes get hundreds of inquiries a day. People are obsessed with doing things correctly as never before."

That tricky business over how much to tip the servants when you go visiting, for example. To avoid giving too much or too little, *Debbrett's Etiquette and Modern Manners* says you should ask the advice of your hostess before you arrive.

On the first essential task of the day for the modern butler the book is quite clear. It's to warm the car for the comfort of the employer before driving him to the railroad station to catch his train to work.



Tasty Turkish dishes a legacy

By Kathy Land

JEDDAH, — Trying to determine who influenced who in Middle Eastern cooking is similar to asking which came first, the chicken or the egg? So many dishes are interrelated — give a slight variation here, or a subtle change there — that to locate the exact origin becomes virtually impossible.

Certainly in recent centuries one of the greatest influences in the region has been Turkey. During the triumphant days of the Ottoman Empire Turkey's conquering armies imposed not only their rule on their neighbors. They also spread their cuisine far and wide.

The legacy has lingered on. Turkish cooking has become entrenched as a major force in the food of the Middle East — perhaps proof that the simple pleasures of life such as eating can have a more lasting influence than transitory power.

While some authorities on Middle Eastern cooking give full credit to the Turks for certain dishes, they also support the claims of others to be the originators of particular delicacies. History books on the subject of the culinary arts are as scarce as hen's teeth, but it seems logical that the glorious days of Greek influence left more behind than colonades. The famous *dolmades* of Greece, which became the *dolmas* of Turkey, and have since spread throughout the region, are said to have definitely originated in Greece. Yet latter-day Turkish contributions are undeniable, especially with such dishes as shish kebab.

According to one writer shish kebab is "believed to have evolved when the Ottoman invading armies had to camp outdoors in tents, awaiting a new assault." It is also claimed that it is "to Selim the Cruel and Suleiman the Magnificent that we owe stuffed vegetables and *moussakas*, and our glori-

ous pastries such as *baklava* and *konafa*."

But as Turkey influenced, so was it influenced. What is regarded as a very Turkish ingredient, *burghul*, or cracked wheat — known as *bulgur* to the Turks — in fact came from even earlier days of Arab predominance. As Arab influence spread across continents, particularly the north of Africa, the food was taken with the conquerors. However, in return they also added to their culinary repertoire the tastes of the new lands, including the famous *couscous* (a cracked uncooked wheat resembling semolina) of Morocco. Eventually such foods became general throughout the area, products of the passage of time and events.

Burghul, which is one of the key ingredients of that famous Middle Eastern salad, *tabbouleh*, is one of those ideal basic foods that adds bulk and nutrition, while providing a perfect base for an infinite variety of dishes. One delicious example was demonstrated recently by Zeynep Akinci, a Turkish member of Gourmet International, along with an eggplant salad which is a suggested

accompaniment for shish kebab or cold meat.

BULGUR (for 8)

Ingredients: 3 cups of bulgur (cracked wheat);

- 1 stick butter or margarine (about 120g.);
- 2 medium tomatoes;
- 2 green peppers (capsicum);
- 2 medium onions;
- salt;
- A dash of paprika;
- 4 1/2 cups chicken stock.

Method: In a saucepan saute the onions in butter until soft. Add bulgur and continue sauteing the bulgur over a medium high heat, stirring for about 10 minutes to prevent sticking to the bottom of the pan. Add tomatoes, peppers, salt, a dash of paprika and the boiling chicken stock. Simmer over low heat until all water is absorbed (about 20-25 minutes).

EGGPLANT SALAD (for four)

Ingredients:

- 4 eggplants (round ones);
- 1 lemon;
- 1 cup olive oil (or any other);
- 2 clove garlic.

Method: In a salad bowl mix lemon juice, salt. Add olive oil and mix well until blended. Add clove of garlic cut lengthwise. Set aside.

Grill eggplant on high heat on top of gas range or charcoal grill until skin turns black and starts bursting. Remove eggplants with oven mitts to avoid burning, place on paper towels and slit open with two spoons. Add to waiting mixture while dressing is still hot. Mix pulp etc. well with a wooden spoon. Remove any pieces of black skin with a knife. Let the mixture cool. Remove the garlic, chill.

When serving decorate the salad with sliced tomatoes, Italian parsley, green peppers.



Shish Kebab

With shape, colors Artist captures middle class beauty

By Jean Grant

AL-KHOBAR — Once beauty has been pointed out, it is easy to recognize. Crumbling mortar does not compromise the beauty of design of old Arabian houses because one's eye has been trained by the many paintings and picture postcards of these graceful relics. It takes and a special gift, an originality of perception, first to notice and then to convey beauty when it is found — not in the mansions of the mighty — but in the bumbledwelling of the middle class. This is Pat Oertley's contribution to Arabian art.

As she rode, perched high in one of the commodious Aramco Greyhound buses to shop daily in Khobar and Dammam, or to visit friends in Ras Tanura, Pat Oertley's eye absorbed the shapes and colors of the dwellings on the way. She began to note an interesting shape here, a pleasing color there. "When she was certain it would not annoy anyone, she would photograph a house that especially appealed to her. If the bus was travelling too fast for an unblurred picture, she would make mental note of the facade. Working from these notes and photographs, Oertley has evolved a highly original series of paintings of Eastern Arabian facades.

No one — no man, woman, child, or beast — disturbs the frieze-like peace in these stylized paintings. Metal doors are shut tight, with no clanging shouting or bonking, not even the flapping of laundry on the balcony to break the visual silence of these pictures. Nothing distracts the eye from the essentials of shape and color. Oertley has created a ghost town, drained of life, the better for us to imagine what makes it function.

These facades were painted in the same way Oertley, who has lived in Dhahran for more than 20 years, would paint portraits of people.

"In a portrait you do not paint unkempt hair, or lips stuck that has been put on awry just because it happens to be that way at the moment. You try to express the inner character of the person," said the artist. In the same way there are no cracks, dangling electric wires, or rubbish about her houses, the abstract of contemporary dwellings. "Trash is not germane to the picture," she explains.

Pat Oertley bends her thumb and forefinger to make an imaginary telescope, sets her sight through it and says, "You have to sight the buildings like this." The ordinary viewer who looks at these houses too casually may miss their qualities of structural design as easily as you miss the forest for the trees.

All the houses have flat bands of color, mostly in earth tones relieved by occasional pinks and blues. "Safwa II" shows a blue-grey house decorated with designs of an airplane, the Saudi palm and crossed swords, stars, and a crescent moon. All the Thuqba and Safwa houses have steps leading up to their doors; paved roads came later here than in Khobar and Dammam where houses sit squarely on the ground.

Since she photographed and sketched

them in the morning sunlight, all these show shadows cast in the morning sun. Slats of light interspersed with shadow emphasize form in Oertley's paintings.

The flatness of the color bands also reinforces the emphasis on design. Only rectangular windows, balconies, and doors with geometric details, and the occasional electric meter box, interrupt the monotony of these two-dimensional facades. There are no gabled roofs, but many of the houses are trimmed at their base by a band of black with triangular protrusions.

The portals of these contemporary dwellings reveal the same delight in color and geometrics as did the old wooden doors, painstakingly carved and painted by indigenous Saudi craftsmen one hundred years ago. Although the doors are now of metal (today's thrifty house-builders find cast iron more cost-effective than palm tree wood), they are as colorful as were the ancient palm tree doors with their patterns in indigo-blue and orange of circles, rosettes and stars. The door in "Thuqba II" is composed of brightly colored circles set within a rectangle which itself is edged with contrasting borders of primary colors.

Pat Oertley has never set foot within any of these houses. She values privacy herself and says she likes "the idea of a family as a private unit behind a wall." To protect such privacy, filigreed concrete blocks are used in balconies. "A very intelligent use of the material," says Oertley. "These are not only decorative; they also allow the free passage of air and screen inhabitants from view."

Oertley's paintings resemble still lifes in that they do far more than present an exterior; they evoke an inner character. "These houses," says Oertley, "are the result of the way people live," and this is what she tries to show us. She has filtered the various elements in each cityscape through her understanding, reorganizing the elements to reveal the character of those dwellings in a way a naturalistic photograph could not.

Her paintings are all acrylics. She obtained a stippled effect in several of them by using a toothbrush to speckle one color upon another. Oertley also has nine limited edition prints. Three of these show Arabian cityscapes in which the building huddle close together, minarets pierce the sky, and the community stands out as one cohesive unit against the flatness of desert sands.

Outside in the unrelenting sunlight after having seen Oertley's work, you become aware of the houses around you differently. You disregard their surroundings and see their forms for the first time. Thanks to Pat Oertley, the viewer has been provided with what was there all along and never noticed: that is possibly the highest compliment one can pay an artist.



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China decries personality cult

PEKING, July 1 (R) — China's new Communist Party Chairman Hu Yaobang told the nation Wednesday that Mao Tse-tung was the greatest national hero in Chinese history but his leadership led to personality cults and anarchism.

In an inaugural speech broadcast to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the founding of the party, Hu said China must undo all the negative consequences of Mao's cultural revolution from 1966-76.

He called on the 39 million party members of devote themselves selflessly to the Communist cause and said that under his leadership he would put democracy within the party on a sounder basis. Hu, who replaced Mao's successor Hua Guofeng Monday, said the cultural revolution had disrupted collective leadership and personality cults and anarchism had prevailed.

"No comrade in the party must ever forget this bitter lesson and we must all take a warning from it," he said. "We must ban all forms of the personality cult," Hu added. "We must put democratic life in the party on a sounder basis and strengthen party organization and discipline."

He listed Mao's errors, but blamed the

party for failing to stop them. "His immense contributions are immortal," he said. "Comrade Mao Tse-tung was a great Marxist, a great proletarian revolutionary, theorist and strategist, and the greatest national hero in Chinese history," he said.

But the sixth plenum of the party central committee which approved Hu's appointment was "a new milestone for our party and state in the course of bringing order out of chaos, carrying on our cause and forging ahead," he said.

Hu indicated he would pursue Mao's foreign policies which led China out of the orbit of the Soviet Union and into friendly cooperation with the industrialized West and Japan. Mao's foreign policies had shown "a correct grasp of the new developments in the world situation," he said.

"He led the party and people in standing up to all pressures from (Soviet) hegemonism and instituted a new pattern for our foreign relations." He said the party had worked hard in the past two years to correct an erroneous leftist orientation which had lingered on after Mao's death and, by implication, under former Chairman Hua.

Party prestige, which reached an all-time

low in the cultural revolution, was being gradually restored, he added. In a hint of new reformist measures to come Ho said "We have yet to finish the process of correction... We have yet to introduce further improvements in the party's leadership and style of work."

China's official press was almost completely devoted Wednesday to publishing a long reassessment of Communist Party history strongly critical of the role of Mao. The document, headlined in red and filling five full pages in the *People's Daily*, said Mao became smug and arrogant in his later years and allowed a personality cult making him a demi-God.

The document, "the resolution on certain historical questions," strongly denounced Hua, accusing him of leftist errors after he succeeded Mao in October 1976.

It said he had rigidly adhered to outdated Maoist dogma and prevented veteran Communist purged during Mao's reign from being quickly reinstated. Hua, who in a compromise move was allowed a face-saving position as sixth vice chairman, was also condemned for economic errors and for creating a personality cult around himself after he took over and had his portrait put up in every office and public building in China.

By contrast, Chairman Hu, an implacable opponent of cults and leftist dogmatism, was expected to maintain a low profile and stress the importance of collective leadership.

The document's main criticism of Mao was over his launching of the catastrophic 10-year cultural revolution in 1966 during which thousands of people were persecuted or killed. But the blame was still conched in general terms in order not to over-blacken the memory of the former "great helmsman" who was praised as the great revolutionary leader who brought the party to power in 1949.

In an editorial to mark the party's anniversary, the Chinese *Youth News*, organ of the 48-million strong Communist Youth League once headed by Hu, said the decisions of the plenum proved that the party was now stronger and more mature than ever before and would continue to prosper.

Red flags flew in Peking's Tiananmen Square and an important public building in both Peking and Shanghai. Hundreds of people flocked to the building in Shanghai where Mao held the first party congress in July 1921, the building is now a museum.



NEW YORK ARRESTS: Employers in Garment district are taken to New York police headquarters by a policeman (second from right) Tuesday. Twelve of the employers were later charged with running sweatshops and exploiting as many as 400 workers.

Rains upset life in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, July 1 (AP) — Torrential monsoon rains broke a month-long heat wave and pummeled the Indian capital and surrounding regions Tuesday, flooding low-lying parts and knocking out communication and power lines, reports said Wednesday.

Silverman quits NBC

NEW YORK, July 1 (R) — Fred Silverman has resigned his \$1 million a year job as president of the NBC Television network after failing to revive its ratings and profits. Silverman said in a letter Tuesday he was quitting because he had failed to win the support of Thornton Bradshaw, who formally took over Wednesday as chairman of NBC's parent company, RCA.

Silverman was regarded as a television programming genius after he developed such programs as "All in the Family," "Mash," "The Waltons," "Charlie's Angels" and "Roots" at the rival ABC and CBS networks. He went to NBC four years ago as the most sought-after U.S. television executive, but under his highly publicized leadership it consistently finished last of the three networks in the ratings. NBC's profits dropped from \$150 million in 1977 to \$80 million last year, less than one-third of the profits of CBS and ABC.

The local weather office recorded over 19 centimeters of rain, the highest in a single day in the past 45 years. The rains brought the mercury down to 32 degrees Celsius in New Delhi, four degrees below normal.

Indian news agencies reported that the rains seriously disrupted road and rail traffic to and from New Delhi. The deluge turned parts of the capital into vast sheets of water.

High absenteeism was reported Tuesday in government and commercial offices. The rains knocked out 150 teleprinter and telegraph lines, affecting work in newspaper and news agency offices. He said nearly 8,000 telephones, including those in the office of Indian Communications Minister C.M. Stephens, "have been dead" since Monday evening.

Three resettlement colonies in eastern Delhi housing former squatters were reported under knee-deep floodwaters. Local police said about 250 huts in city slums were damaged or wrecked.

Meanwhile, the city of Agra, seat of the renowned Taj Mahal, was plunged into darkness for the second consecutive night Tuesday by power breakdowns due to heavy rains, news agencies reported. Agra is located 160 kilometers southeast of here.

Central rule imposed in Indian state

NEW DELHI, July 1 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government has suspended the legislature in Assam and imposed direct central rule in the troubled northeastern state, a presidential proclamation said.

The decision came two days after Assam Chief Minister Taimur's 205-day-old minority government resigned following the withdrawal of support in the state assembly by four Marxist groups and a regional tribal council.

L.P. Singh, governor of India's northeastern states, Monday recommended to Mrs. Gandhi's government the imposition of central rule in Assam because no party or coalition had the requisite majority in the legislature to form a government.

The state has been wracked since October 1979, by a student-led agitation demanding the expulsion of millions of alleged alien voters from Bangladesh. The protests forced the cancellation of parliamentary elections in Assam in January, 1980.

Mrs. Taimur, a leader of Mrs. Gandhi's ruling Congress Party was appointed Assam's top political official last December after one year of central rule was ended.

Activity ground to a standstill Tuesday in the northern industrial town of Modinagar, a day-long general strike called to protest the slaying of a Socialist trade unionist, the United News of India reported.

Jaya Prakash, a leader of the Hind Mazdoor Sangh (Indian workers' federation), was stabbed to death Monday, allegedly by members of the Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), which supports the Congress Party.

Local police reported Tuesday that two suspects were arrested, including INTUC Vice President Natendra Sharma. Nine other suspects were being sought, police said. The strike in Modinagar, 75 kms east of the Indian capital, shut down factories, stores, banks, movie houses, restaurants and transportation, UNI said.

Meanwhile, the next round of bilateral talks on the controversial continued supply of enriched uranium to India by the United States will begin here next month. PTI news agency reported Tuesday.

Zimbabwe launches news agency

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe, July 1 (AP) — Zimbabwe ended its dependence on white-ruled South Africa for international news at midnight Tuesday when the new Zimbabwe Inter-African News Agency began operations. Prime Minister Robert Mugabe, at a ceremony marking the opening of ZIANA's headquarters, described the event as a further "consolidation of our independence."

"The birth of ZIANA brings to an end a situation that was politically intolerable," Mugabe said. "It ends 90 years of control of the media by press barons in South Africa."

The prime minister said ZIANA will have a monopoly on news distribution in Zimbabwe. "The monopoly should not be misused or abused," he said. "We expect much more factual reporting in Zimbabwe."


Under the white-minority rule of former Prime Minister Ian Smith, the nation that then was Rhodesia depended on the South African Press Association news agency for international news and some local news. Plans for ZIANA were set in motion after the

breakaway British colony became independent Zimbabwe under black majority rule 14 months ago.

The Associated Press last month became the first international news agency to sign an exchange agreement with ZIANA, set up under the government-backed Zimbabwe Mass Media Trust that also was taken over South African-operated newspapers in Zimbabwe. The South African Press Association will maintain a news-collecting agency in Zimbabwe, called the Press Association of Central Africa.

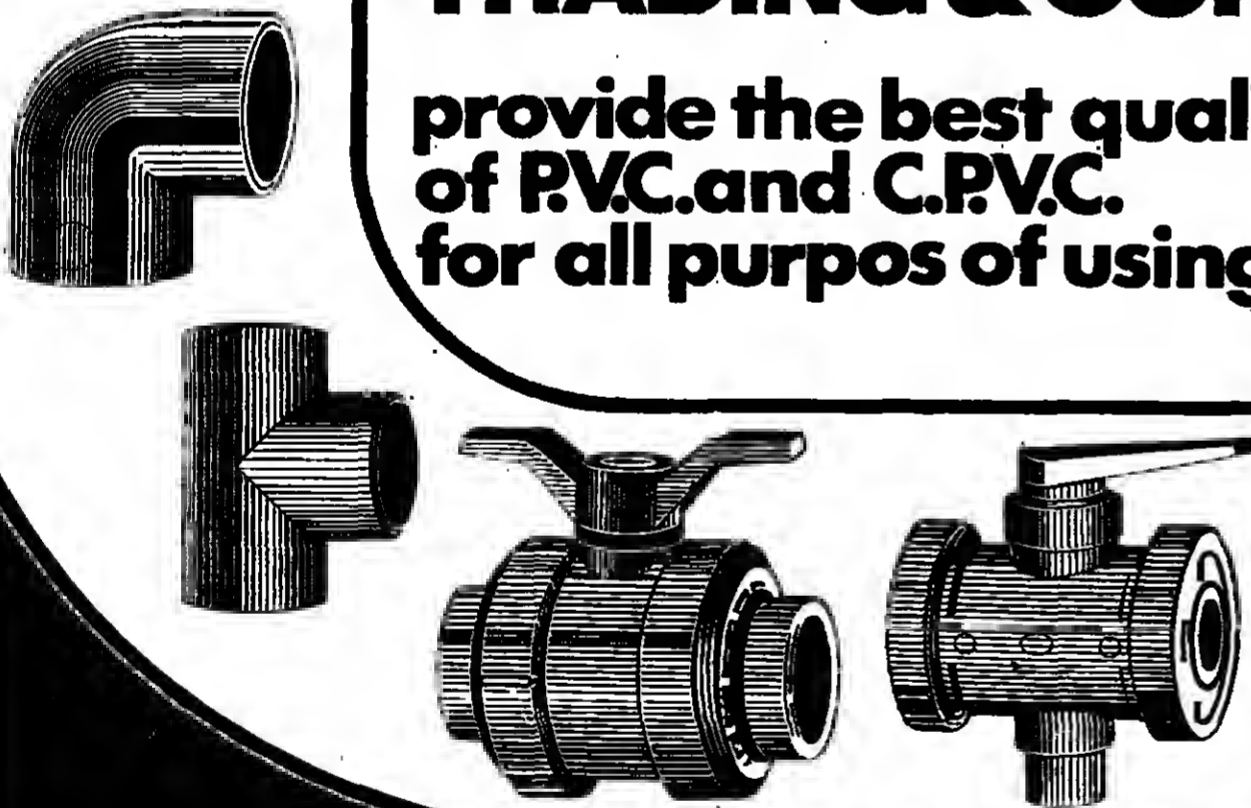
Sihanouk to meet Cheysson tomorrow


PARIS, July 1 (AFP) — Former Cambodian head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk will meet French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson for talks Friday, the Foreign Ministry has announced. The talks are expected to center on a United Nations-sponsored international conference on Cambodia to be held in New York in mid-July.




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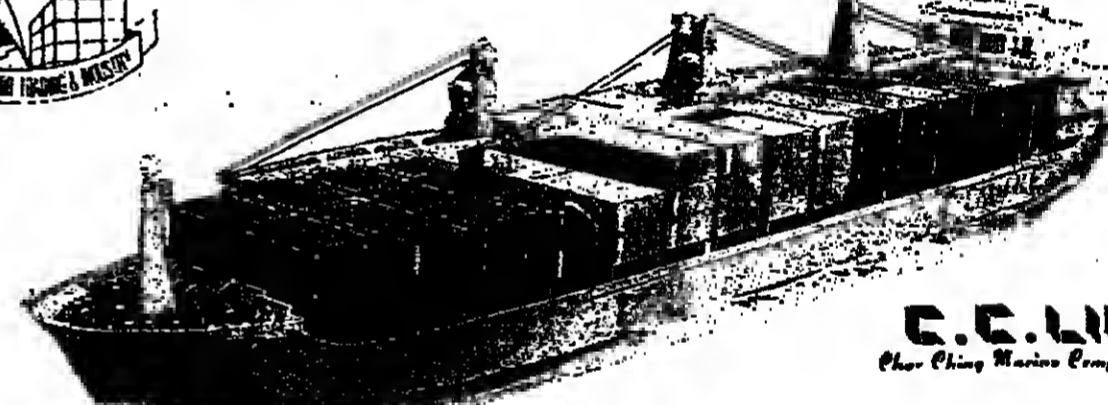




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Costly venture

Tanzanians leave; Obote plea ignored

DAR ES SALAAM, July 1 (AP) — The last of Tanzania's 10,000 troops in Uganda have pulled out just under the wire to meet President Julius Nyerere's June 30 deadline. According to Tanzanian military officials, the final shipment of Tanzanian soldiers departed from Jinja Monday and arrived Tuesday morning in the port of Mwanza on the Tanzanian side of Lake Victoria.

Tanzanians interviewed welcomed the news, glad to have severed ties with Uganda, which over the past 2½ years have been both economically and politically costly.

Nyerere has doggedly resisted pleas from his friend Ugandan President Milton Obote to extend the two-year defense agreement that has just expired. Under the agreement 10,000 Tanzanian troops have helped to maintain security and train the new Ugandan National Liberation Army (UNLA).

Nyerere's only concession has been to agree to leave 1,000 police officers. Since early May, Tanzanian troops have been departing at a rate of 1,100 per week.

Tanzania's involvement with Uganda began in October 1978 when Idi Amin's forces invaded and annexed the Kagera salient triangle in northwestern Tanzania. In January 1979 Tanzanian troops crossed into Uganda and by April when the capital Kampala was captured, 45,000 Tanzanian soldiers were in the country. Following the war Tanzania signed the defense pact, which was renewed by each successive post-Amin government.

The past two years have not been happy ones for either country. Tanzania's initial dream of restoring stability and prosperity to Uganda turned into a near-nightmare as political factionalism and economic chaos continued unabated.

Tanzania's involvement in Uganda has also tarnished Nyerere's image as a world statesman. "Before Uganda Nyerere could do no wrong. But now he's blamed, often unjustifiably for all Uganda's troubles and his credibility in other areas has been hurt," said an American businessman working in Tanzania.

In addition Tanzania's current economic crisis has been exacerbated by its Ugandan commitments. The war against Amin cost \$500 million, 375 million in hard currency,

Storm kills 49 in Philippines

MANILA, July 1 (AP) — Tropical storm Kelly moved away from the Philippines' main island of Luzon Wednesday, leaving a trail of floods and landslides that killed at least 49 persons in several villages at the foot of scenic Mayon volcano, the official Philippine News Agency reported. PNA, which said earlier "many" persons were missing in five villages where 22 bodies had been recovered, reported later that rescue workers found 27 more bodies in seven other villages scattered around the base of the 8,125-foot mountain 336 kms southeast of Manila.

The agency said most of the victims drowned when they were caught in their sleep by torrents of water and mud cascading down gullies on the slopes of the volcano Tuesday night.

Dropping missile defense ban

U.S. panel warns of war risk

WASHINGTON, July 1 (AP) — A group of prominent arms control supporters has warned that dropping the current ban on U.S. and Soviet missile defenses would heighten the risk of nuclear war by touching off a race for offensive strategic weapons.

Presenting an arms control agenda for the 1980s, the Committee for National Security urged the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan to resist changing the 1972 treaty that now limits the two sides to no more than 100 anti-ballistic missile launchers.

Currently, the Soviets have 32 ABM launchers, deployed around Moscow, and the United States has no active missile defense system. Either side can withdraw if it gives a six-month advance notice. The treaty is due to be reviewed in 1982.

"The ABM treaty is the most important arms control agreement in effect today," said the report issued by the committee, a private, non-profit group headed by Paul Warnke, the former Carter administration's first arms control director.

The Reagan administration has hinted it is considering renunciation of the treaty in order to deploy a new defense system designed to protect land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles, the report said.

"Were the ABM treaty to be renounced and large ballistic missile defense systems deployed by both the United States and the Soviet Union, the danger of nuclear war, particularly in a crisis situation, would dramatically increase," the report said.

Morton Halperin, an official with the National Security Council in the Reagan administration, told reporters that the treaty eliminates the notion in the United States or the Soviet Union that either side could survive a nuclear war. "Without the ban on large missile defense systems the two sides would be now building new systems and then also increasing their offensive capability to penetrate those systems," Halperin said.

The committee also proposed an immediate resumption of negotiations with the Soviet Union to allow the ratification of the 1979 SALT II treaty limiting intercontinental ballistic missiles and long-range bombers.

Reagan has called for scrapping the treaty, which the two sides are informally observing, and pursuing negotiations for more substantial cuts in U.S. and Soviet nuclear weapons arsenals.

The committee proposed another round of negotiations in order to arrange minor change in the treaty. Reagan thereby hopes to fulfill his promise not to submit, to the Senate the treaty signed by former President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

Eugene Rostow, his arms control director, told Congress earlier this month that the United States would not be prepared to hold formal talks with the Soviet Union before March 1982. Halperin said if the Reagan administration really wanted to pursue arms control negotiations it would not have appointed someone with Rostow's views to direct its arms control program.

U.K. approves Belize freedom bill

LONDON, July 1 (AFP) — Members of parliament early Wednesday approved a bill granting independence to Britain's largest remaining colony, Belize, in Central America. Deputy Foreign Minister Nicholas Ridley told MPs that independence would be granted this year. He assured them that London would take measures to ensure the new state's security.

April. Guatemala then agreed to drop territorial claims on Belize in return for certain shipping rights and port facilities from its eastern neighbor.

Under the new bill, Belize would be given independence within the framework of the British Commonwealth. Ridley said several contentious points among Britain, Belize and Guatemala would be discussed at talks opening in New York next Monday.

He stressed: "The points which remain, although tricky and difficult, are not many and not of such importance as the importance of ending the dispute and setting a secure foundation for the future of Belize."

Bolivian junta may reappoint Meza

LA PAZ, July 1 (R) — Bolivia's ruling military junta may decide to reappoint president Luis Garcia Meza, who survived a coup attempt Saturday, despite his plan to step down, a government spokesman has said.

The spokesman said Tuesday Gen. Garcia Meza had decided that the junta, formed by the commanders of the army, navy and air force, should settle who would succeed him and when the junta might elect to give him another term, he said. The president, who has survived three military attempts to topple him in the past six weeks, said on the eve of

the coup he might drop his plan to hand over power on Aug. 6 and stay on until December if the people wished.

The latest and most serious coup attempt was led by army Cmdr. Humberto Cayoja Riart who was promptly sent into exile with other plotters. The president's position appears to have been strengthened by the thwarted coup as the new army commander, Gen. Celso Torrello, and the new chief of staff, Gen. Carlos Turdera, are considered loyal to the head of state.

BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, in another step to lower its profile, is cutting the size of its press office staff in half. CIA Director William Casey has ordered the agency's separate public affairs office and its office of legislative counsel abolished, and their functions assigned to another office, CIA spokesman Herbert Hem said Tuesday.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — A presumed nuclear explosion occurred at Semipalatinsk in the Soviet Union Wednesday, the military observatory of Hagfors reported. The explosion reached a magnitude of 5.4 on the Richter Scale, and took place at 0157 GMT, the observatory said. The seismic signals reportedly corresponded to those which could be expected from a weak explosion in hard rock.

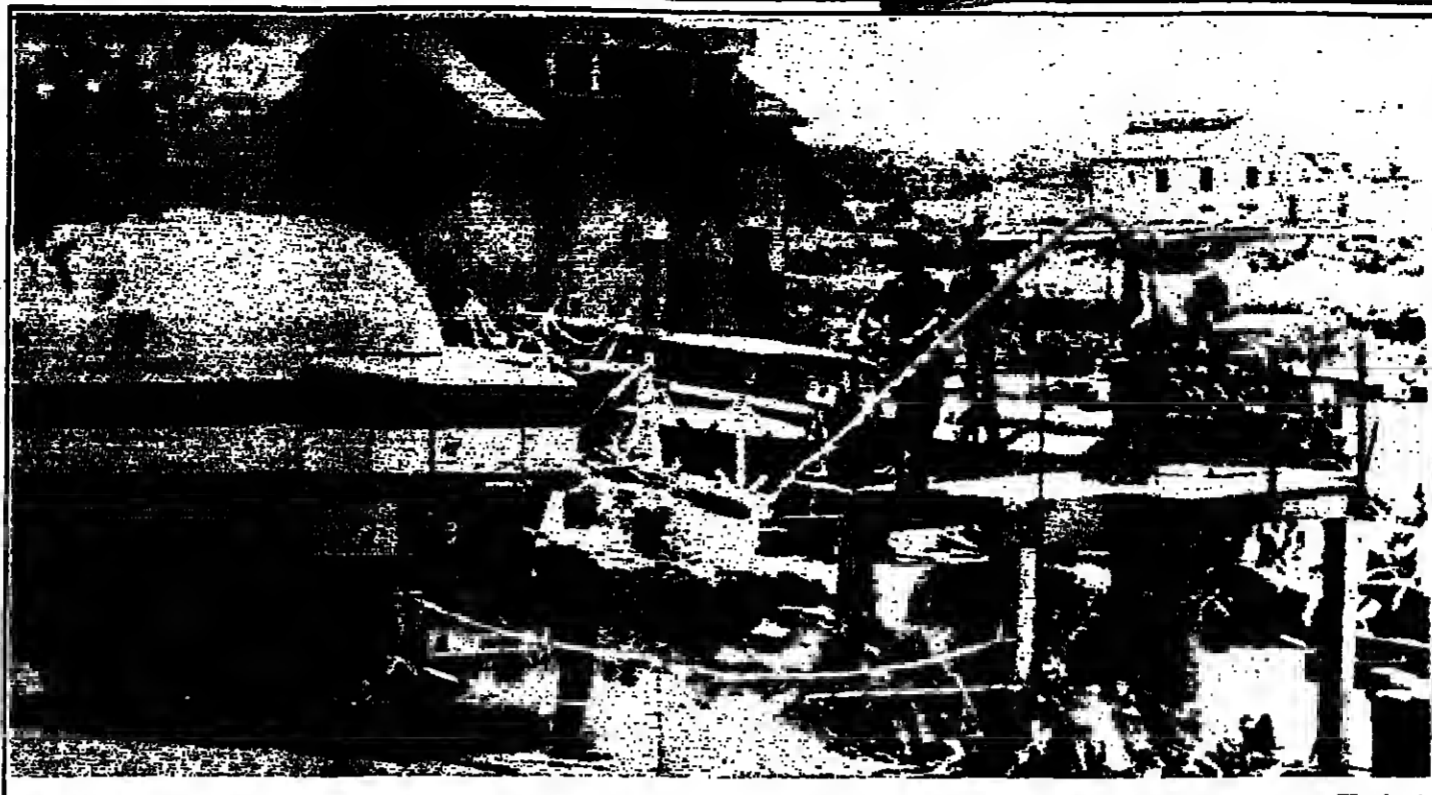
FORT WILLIAM, Scotland (AP) — Ann Renfrew, 20, daughter of the managing director of the British news agency Reuters, Glen Renfrew, has been killed climbing Beo Nevis in western Scotland, police reported Wednesday. Miss Renfrew, of Shorewood Drive, Sands Point, New York disappeared on the

4,406-foot mountain, the highest in Britain, after setting out from this nearby town with her twin, Susan, and younger sister, Judith, 17, on Tuesday. Rescuers found her body Tuesday evening in a gully some 500 feet from the valley.

MOSCOW (AP) — Twelve passengers were killed in a train wreck last week near the black sea resort of Gagra, a Soviet source said Tuesday. The source said two cars to an electric-powered local train derailed June 25, claiming 12 lives and injuring others. Some of the tourists claimed the crash caused dozens of casualties.

LONDON, (AFP) — The World Wildlife Fund and the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources have called for a total and immediate ban on whale hunting. The two bodies, among the most important in the environmental protection field, said that the International Whaling Commission was incapable of enforcing its regulations relating to particular places. The commission will be holding a conference behind closed doors at Brighton, on the south coast of England, from July 20 to 25.

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OPERATION RECOVERY: Italian firemen hope to begin excavation work on a horizontal tunnel to reach the body of six-year-old Alfredo Raspoli trapped 61 meters down an artesian well. Firemen were unable to save the boy who died 60 hours after his fall down the well. The hole of the well was covered with flowers donated by people.

Italian Communists support NATO

ROME, July 1 (AP) — Italian Communist Party leader Enrico Berlinguer has said that his party's support of Italy's membership in NATO wasn't a "fact of faith but an act of political realism."

Berlinguer appeared Tuesday at a joint news conference with his visiting Spanish counterpart, Santiago Carrillo, whose party is opposed to Spanish entry into the Western alliance. Berlinguer noted his party held a different position on NATO than Carrillo's

party, but he said Spain's proposed entry "could upset the balance" between the Atlantic alliance and the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact.

The Italian party began to change its hostility to NATO in the early 1970s and officially expressed its support of NATO at the 1975 party congress. Berlinguer has described the alliance as a necessary tool in the balance of power between East and West.

On Poland, Berlinguer admitted that the French Communists have taken a different position than their Italian and Spanish counterparts. But he said despite their differences the French and Italian parties have kept up contacts and would continue to do so.

The Italian party has publicly warned the Soviet Union against any military interference in Poland. The French party had taken a strong pro-Moscow line on Poland.

Spain seeks prosecution of guards in abortive bid

MADRID, July 1 (AP) — The government did a sudden about-face Tuesday and asked prosecution for all 288 members of the civil guard involved in the storming of parliament last February in an attempt to overthrow the government.

Defense Minister Alberto Oliart gave no explanation for the change in the government's attitude, after officials said Monday that they would seek prosecution of only 11 civil guard non-commissioned officers. Seventeen civil guard officers, including Lt. Col. Antonio Tejero who led the assault on parliament, have been indicted for military rebellion and are awaiting trial.

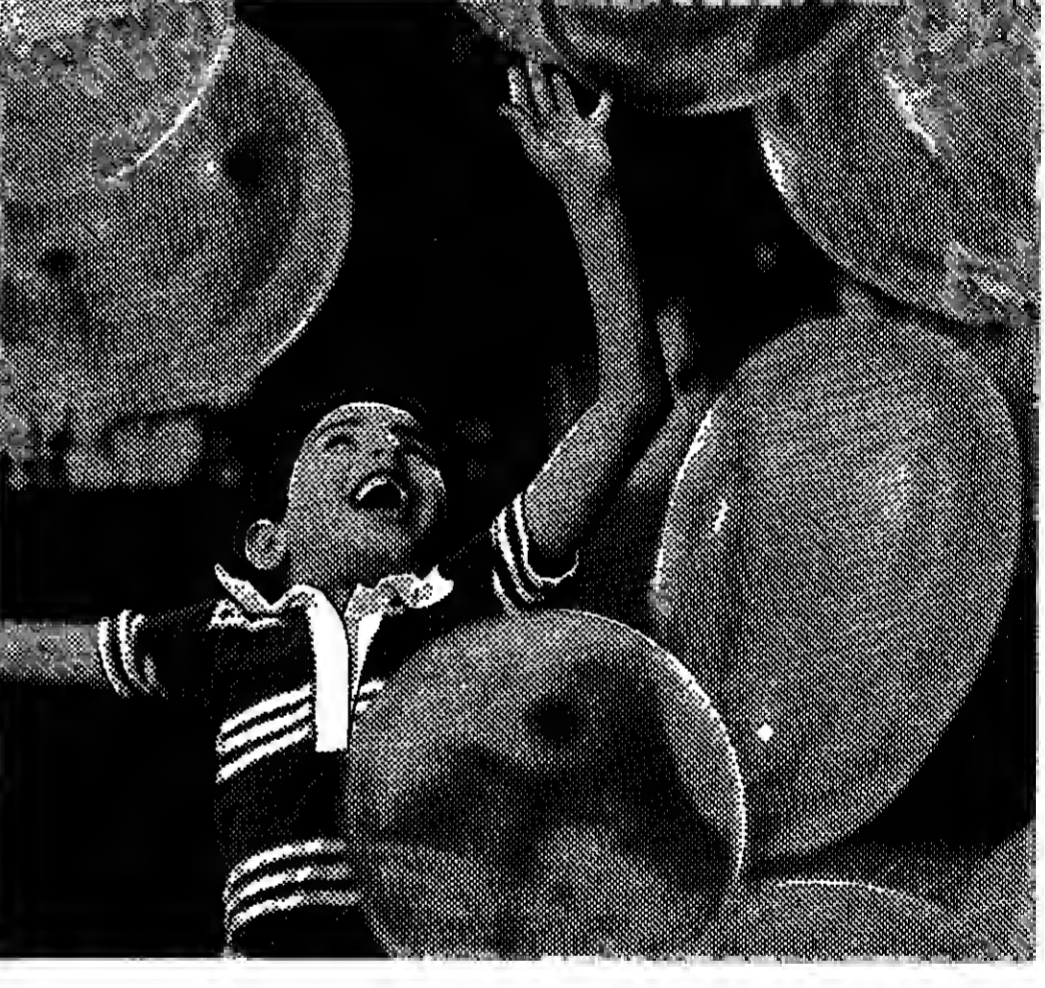
The defense minister's request to the special military prosecutor to prosecute all the civil guards involved in the parliament attack came one week after a special police squad uncovered what it said was evidence of another plot against the democratic regime, apparently aimed at King Juao Carlos, credited with crushing the coup attempt four months ago by right-wing military men.

The head of the paramilitary civil guard, Maj. Gen. Jose Aramburu Topete, said after the February coup that many of the civil guards did not know they were going to storm parliament when they were boarded private buses just before the Feb. 23 assault on parliament.

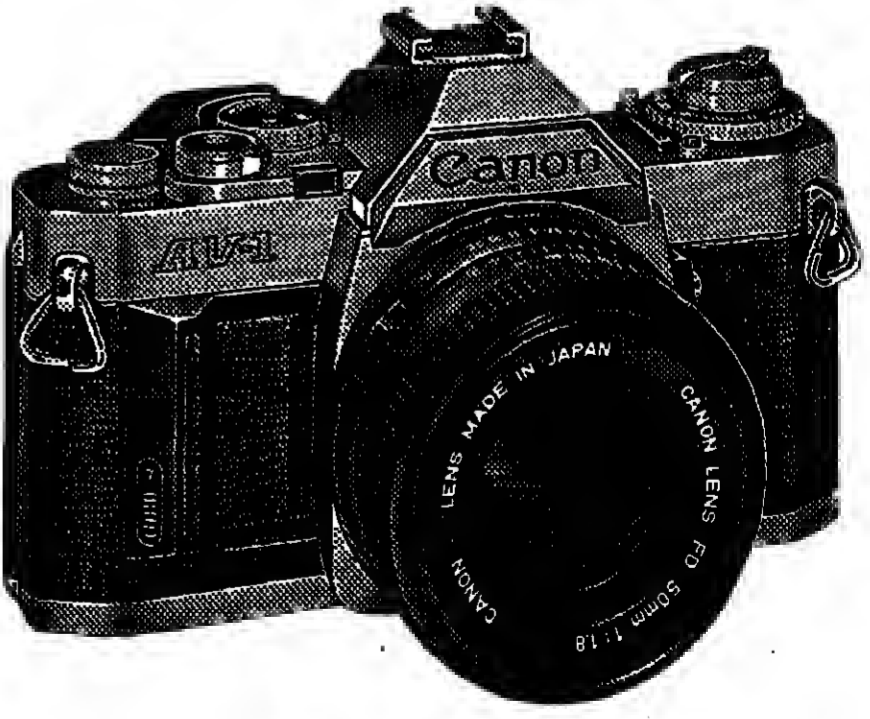
Led by Tejero, the guardsmen held the cabinet and the 350-member lower house of the Cortes (parliament) hostage at gun-point for 18 hours in an abortive bid to seize power.

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American economic index hits new low

WASHINGTON, July 1 (R) — A U.S. government index designed to forecast trends in the economy recorded its sharpest fall in a year last month, but analysts said the decline did not mean the country was headed for recession.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday its composite index of leading economic indicators fell 7.8 percent in May, the largest one-month decline since May 1980 when the economy was in a brief but severe recession. Charles Waite, a department economist, said the two falls were not comparable.

In May 1980, the index fell for the eighth successive month "but this year is different, the index is bobbing around," Waite said. Leading indicators rose during March and April.

Waite said the figures pointed to slower economic growth in the second and third quarters of this year, but added that inflation had slowed during the period. Last week, the government reported that consumer prices rose 0.7 percent in May which translates into an annual rate of 8.4 percent, compared to around 13 percent last year.

Mexican oil firm to get \$4b loan

LOS ANGELES, July 1 (AP) — A \$4 billion loan has been extended to Petroleos Mexicanos, the Mexican state oil company.

Pemex officials signed the loan Tuesday with top executives of Bank of America's international banking arm. Bank of America called it the largest commercial loan ever granted. The loan extends Pemex's previous line of credit by \$1.5 billion. It is a revolving loan plan, extended from a \$2.5 billion financing package signed in September 1979.

The financing was arranged by Bank of America International group. It led the syndicate of 82 banks from 11 nations.



HITS LANDMARK: The five-millionth Perkins diesel engine produced in Britain recently came off the assembly line at Peterborough in eastern England. The engine, a six-cylinder turbo-charged unit, has been sold to the Australian subsidiary of International Harvester and will be installed in a coach.

Draft budget adopted

France acts to boost industry

PARIS, July 1 (AFP) — France's new leftist government Wednesday adopted a draft supplementary budget to cope with the budget deficit, and to finance social and industrial measures announced since the elections of Socialist President Francois Mitterand on May 10.

Under the draft, to be put to parliament this month, the tax on oil-based fuels, including petrol, is to rise by six centimes a liter (about one U.S. cent per gallon) to finance an extra 910 million francs (\$161 million) made available to help companies. The overall proposals are aimed at dealing with \$1,300 million franc (\$9 billion) deficit, to finance social measures costing 5,300 million francs and to raise taxes to pay for job creation in

the public sector and public housing. Wednesday's cabinet meeting also approved a 3.4 percent pay rise for civil servants.

Ministers decided that a national conference should be held toward the end of the year in preparation for a technology and research program. The minister responsible for this sector Jean-Pierre Chevènement said it was vital to boost research so that 2.5 percent of gross domestic product could be devoted to technology and research by 1985.

A special commission is to prepare a law on communication and will also look at ways of decentralizing the audiovisual sector. One of its main aims will be a guarantee for the independence of radio and television from political and financial interests.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AFP) — The De Beers group, the world's top producer of diamonds, is going to close its works at Tweepad in South Africa to reduce production, a reliable source confirmed here.

The outbreak was attributed to weak demand. This cut might affect five percent of the group's total output, which was 14.7 million carats in 1980.

DETROIT, (AFP) — American Motors, in which French Renault has a 46 percent stake, is about to start work on a plant at Kenosha, Wisconsin, where a Renault-designed car will be launched in 1982.

LONDON, (AFP) — Slaughter-house bones will be turned into proteins for foodstuffs, including baby food and for shampoos, at a new plant at Flitwick,

north-west of London by lensfield products part of the British FMC agrofood group. A ton of bones costs £35, but a ton of protein is worth £2,000 the firm said.

LOS ANGELES, (R) — The Chairman and chief executive officer of 20th Century-Fox Film Corporation has resigned three weeks after the giant Hollywood was bought by oil millionaire Marvin Davis. Dennis Stanfill, 53, said in a brief statement the company had materially breached his employment contract.

DAR-ES-SALAAM, (AFP) — Tanzania exported 25,000 tons of unprocessed cashew nuts between April and June this year, earning 286.7 million shillings, (\$35.83 million), the newspaper *The Daily News* has reported.

\$18.8 billion budget voted by Kuwait

KUWAIT, July 1 (R) — Parliament has approved Kuwait's 1981-82 budget of 5.3 billion dinars (\$18.8 billion), based almost entirely on revenue from crude oil exports.

The recently-elected national assembly interrupted its 10-hour budget session to discuss in secret defense allocation, which last year accounted for about 10 percent of the state budget of 4.6 billion dinars (\$17.4 billion). Developments in Afghanistan and Iran and the outbreak of the Iraq-Iran war have increased Kuwait's attention to defense.

Although the Gulf state lowered its daily output from 1.5 million to 1.25 million barrels per day last April, the budget estimated oil revenue at 5.1 billion dinars (\$18.1 billion), 13 percent more than last year's estimates.

The government set aside 1.5 billion dinars (\$5.3 billion) for the reserve for future generations and 696 million dinars (\$2.5 billion) for the general reserve fund. A sum of 587 million dinars (\$2.1 billion) was allocated for development, about 32 percent more than last year. The new fiscal year begins Thursday.

Russian curbs affect aliens

MOSCOW, July 1 (R) — Soviet authorities Wednesday introduced new currency regulations for Moscow's foreign community, barring all businessmen and correspondents from shopping with convertible currency coupons in the capital's diplomatic shop.

A spokesman for the State Foreign Trade Bank told enquiries that from Wednesday the coupons, which are essential for virtually all daily purchases would be issued only to diplomats.

The convertible currency coupons, denominated in roubles have been available to diplomats, correspondents and businessmen since the mid-1960s. The coupons can be spent in a large Western-style supermarket which sells Soviet and imported foods that are not available for ordinary 'soft' Soviet roubles. No official explanation was given for the change.

London Commodities

| | July 1 | June 30 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| Gold (\$ per ounce) | 424 | 427.50 |
| Silver (pence per ounce) | 456 | 450 |
| Copper cash | 469.50 | 466.50 |
| 3 months | 866.50 | 856.50 |
| 3 months | 892.50 | 881.75 |
| 3 months | 6542.50 | 6462.50 |
| 3 months | 6667.50 | 6605.00 |
| Lead cash | 377.50 | 376.50 |
| 3 months | 380.50 | 378.50 |
| Zinc cash | 429 | 421.50 |
| 3 months | 433.25 | 427.50 |
| Aluminium cash | 604.25 | 606.00 |
| 3 months | 624.50 | 626.25 |
| Nickel cash | 3217.50 | 3195.00 |
| 3 months | 3255.00 | 3232.50 |
| Sugar August | 198.92 | 196.12 |
| October | 199.95 | 198.95 |
| Coffee July | 776 | 738.00 |
| September | 800 | 765.00 |
| Cocoa July | 940 | 823 |
| September | 965 | 853 |
| December | 995 | 887 |

Notes: Prices in pence per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd., P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6653908, Jeddah.

To avert 'price shock'

IEA call to cut oil dependence

PARIS, July 1 (AFP) — The 21-member countries of the International Energy Agency (IEA) must step up efforts to reduce dependence on imported oil in order to avoid renewed tight market conditions that could trigger another "oil shock" in the years ahead, the IEA said Wednesday.

If the transition away from oil-based economies is managed successfully during the current decade, and "harring unforeseen events," IEA countries should be able to restore "an important degree of flexibility to the world oil market," the IEA secretariat said in its annual report on the energy policies and programs of the agency's member countries — the main oil consuming nations except France.

"Failure to achieve such flexibility could result in another oil price shock during the 1980s of the magnitude of the 1973-74 and 1979-80 price shocks," the report said. It said this would entail "damped economic growth and increased inflation (which) could seriously affect prospects for bringing onstream non-oil energy supplies for the 1990s". The transition would thus take much longer than needed.

Presenting the report, IEA executive director Ulf Lantzke and Fred Gorbet, director in charge of long-term cooperation and policy, said the review of IEA countries' performance in the past year clearly showed that structural change toward reduced use of oil was now under way.

However, Lantzke said the question was "if the initial success can be carried through." He also strongly emphasized that the current oversupply of crude on the world market did not in any way improve the medium and longer term energy outlook for industrial oil consuming nations.

IEA's 1980 review showed that between 1973 and 1979, progress has been made toward more efficient energy use and toward breaking the link between energy input and economic growth. The amount of energy needed to produce one unit of gross domestic product (GDP) had been reduced by 7 percent and the quantity of oil required for the same purpose was down by 11 percent, indicating that substitution of other fuels for oil had picked up momentum. During the same period, IEA domestic energy production had risen by 10 percent, in part due to a tripling of nuclear power generation which added energy equivalent to 2.5 million barrels a day (MBD) of oil, the report showed.

According to IEA figures, IEA oil use dropped sharply in 1980 to 35.4 MBD against 38.3 MBD in 1979, and could fall further to 34.2 MBD this year. Imports were down from 24.5 MBD in 1979 to 20.6 MBD last year and could fall off further to 19.1 MBD this year.

However, Gorbet cautioned that it was at present very hard to see to what extent this improvement was due to structural change rather than lower demand caused by the economic slowdown. The report warned against "complacency" in this regard, saying there was "nothing in the objective assessment of the energy situation of the 1980s that would justify it."

A "scenario" presented by Gorbet set out the secretariat's view on the action required the member countries to secure a "manageable" energy situation up to 1990. While member countries own projections suggest that IEA oil imports could average 24 to 25 MBD during the 1980s, the secretariat believes that further intensification of energy conservation, increased use of natural gas and coal and stepped-up development of nuclear energy should make it possible to limit imports to 19 to 20 MBD by 1990 and even 15 to 17 MBD by the year 2000.

London stock market

LONDON, July 1 (R) — Share prices closed firm in quiet trading with electrical issues continuing to attract support, dealers said.

At 1500 hours, the forward trading index was up 3.6 at 548.4. Equity leaders were generally a penny to 4p higher, while among electronics GEC and Racal rose 8p apiece to 738p and 426p respectively. Plessey was up 5p at 339p, while Ferranti rose a similar 5p to 585p, dealers noted. U.S. shares were generally lower while Canadian issues were little changed, dealers said.

Beecham and Hawker Siddeley each rose 4p while BOC international was up 5p at 131p, dealers said. Boots, John Brown, Glaxo, Hawker Siddeley and Vickers were a penny or two firmer, against the trend ICI was down 2p at 278p.

Banking shares eased back to Tuesday night's closing levels after a firmer opening, dealers noted. Barclays, Nat West and Lloyds were unchanged on balance following initial gains of up to 5p, while Midland dipped 3p. Government bonds were up to 1/2 point lower after quiet session, dealers said.

Kuwait to raise refining capacity

KUWAIT, July 1 (R) — Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah said Wednesday the government planned to raise the country's oil refining capacity because it was more profitable to sell refined products than crude oil.

The recently-formed Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC) intended to raise the capacity of three existing refineries from 600,000 barrels per day (BPD) to 750,000 (BPD), he told the national assembly (parliament).

He set no target date. The government last

October awarded a Japanese firm a \$700 million contract to modernize the 250,000 BPD Mina Al-Ahmadi refinery. The work is expected to be completed in 1983.

Kuwait, at present, refines and markets nearly 50 percent of its 1.25 million BPD crude production. Sheikh Ali said the government's industrial program called for the raising of refining capacity to 65 percent of output as well as the undertaking of joint petro-chemical ventures with Arab countries.

Foreign Exchange Rates

| | SAAMA | Cash | Transfer |
|------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| Bahraini Dinar | 9.07 | 9.05 | 15.10 |
| Bangladesh Taka (100) | 78.00 | 111.00 | — |
| Canadian Dollar | 2.84 | — | 2.85 |
| Deutsche Mark (100) | 143.00 | 142.00 | 141.70 |
| Dutch Guilder (100) | 128.00 | 127.90 | 127.65 |
| Egyptian Pound | — | 4.08 | 4.23 |
| Emirati Dirham (100) | — | 92.00 | 92.90 |
| French Franc (100) | 60.00 | 59.75 | 59.45 |
| Greek Drachma (1,000) | — | 62.00 | 58.30 |
| Indian Rupee (100) | — | — | 38.75 |
| Iranian Ryal (100) | — | 25.00 | — |
| Iraqi Dinar | — | 8.00 | — |
| Italian Lira (10,000) | 29.00 | 29.10 | 28.50 |
| Japanese Yen (1,000) | 15.10 | — | 15.00 |
| Jordanian Dinar | — | 10.21 | 10.17 |
| Kuwaiti Dinar | — | 12.12 | 12.07 |
| Lebanese Lira (100) | — | 79.50 | 79.25 |
| Moroccan Dirham (100) | — | 67.00 | 64.35 |
| Pakistani Rupee (100) | — | — | 34.38 |
| Philippines Peso (100) | — | — | 43.40 |
| Pound Sterling | 6.62 | 6.57 | 6.53 |
| Qatari Ryal (100) | — | 93.00 | 93.80 |
| Singapore Dollar (100) | — | — | 159.65 |
| Spanish Peseta (1,000) | — | — | 35.65 |
| Swiss Franc (100) | 167.00 | 168.00 | 165.70 |
| Syrian Lira (100) | — | 58.50 | 68.25 |
| Turkish Lira (1,000) | — | 35.50 | — |
| U.S. Dollar | 3.41 | 3.4190 | 3.4120 |
| Yemeni Ryal (100) | — | 75.50 | 74.75 |

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AT MY AGE I GET ENOUGH EXERCISE JUST AVOIDING PEOPLE WHO THINK I SHOULD HAVE SOME

SEE IF THIS IS THE WAY THE GENERAL LIKES IT

AH... AH... HE LOVES IT!

AH... CHOO!

TOO MUCH PEPPER

DEAR, I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS

THE BAD NEWS IS THAT I JUST SPENT SIXTY DOLLARS ON GROCERIES

AND WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS?

THERE'S SO LITTLE YOU DON'T HAVE TO CARRY IT INTO THE HOUSE!

WHINE WHINE WHINER WHINE

KONK

I HATE FAST FOOD PLACES

HAGAR! WE'RE SURROUNDED! OUT OF FOOD - OUTNUMBERED... THE MEN ARE READY TO DESERT... WE'RE GOING TO GET KILLED!

THINGS COULD BE BETTER... I GUESS

WELL, YOU'RE NOT GONNA HELP BY GOING TO PIECES LIKE THIS!

HOO-BOY! THE MORE YOU MAKE THE MORE THE GOVERNMENT TAKES... UNTIL YOU GET RICH -

THEN THEY HARDLY TAKE ANYTHING -

THE HUNS HAVE CROSSED THE BORDER TAKE SOME MEN AND CHECK IT OUT

BUT TONIGHT IS MY BOWLING LEAGUE NIGHT

GET A SUB

THE HUNS HAVE CROSSED THE BORDER TAKE SOME MEN AND...

STAN, I'M LOSING TO A GUY I NORMALLY BEAT HANDS DOWN! WHAT SHOULD I DO??

KEEP ALL RIBS BORN LONGER BY SLOWING DOWN ALL YOUR SHOTS.

GOOD INSTEAD OF TRYING TO HIT WITH UNDERSPIN INSTEAD OF TOPSPIN

GIVE THE OPPONENT MORE TIME TO FIND HIS NORMAL LOSING PATTERN!

DENNIS the MENACE

...AND SOMETIMES SHE STICKS THE WHOLE THING INSIDE MY EARS!

Contract Bridge

B. Jay Becker

Any Port in a Storm

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A 10 2
 ♥ J 7 6 3 2
 ♦ 8 7
 ♣ K 9 5

EAST
 ♠ K 8 7 3
 ♥ K Q 9
 ♦ 8 9
 ♣ A J 10 4 2

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 4
 ♥ A 5
 ♦ A K Q J 10 5 4 2
 ♣ 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 10 Pass 10 Dble
 5 0

Opening lead - five of spades.

There are times when declarer must make what appears to be a highly unusual play, because that is the only way to make the contract. South did exactly that in this deal and scored a game as a result.

First, a word about the bidding. South had a problem of sorts in choosing his opening bid. He considered the possibility of opening with five diamonds, but decided, correctly, that his hand was too strong for a preemptive bid. He therefore bid only one diamond, hoping in this way to in-

crease his chances of arriving at a good slam contract if his partner had a moderately good hand.

Actually, it turned out that South had to play well to make even five diamonds. West led a spade, declarer following low from dummy, and when East won with the king of spades South played his queen on it! As a result of this play, South made the contract. He later finessed dummy's ten of spades and thus acquired his crucial eleventh trick.

Had declarer played the four of spades on East's king - the more natural thing to do - he would have scored only one spade trick and gone down.

Let's grant that dropping the queen of spades on the king is an unusual play. Declarer superficially appears to have two sure spade tricks - the queen and the ace - and yet voluntarily reduces his holding to only one sure spade trick. However, the queen play is the right play because it offers the only chance to score two spade tricks, and hence it is not as crazy a play as it seems.

Probably most declarers holding the South cards would follow low on East's king of spades from force of habit, but this merely emphasizes the fact that there's almost no such thing as an entirely automatic play in bridge. You have to be careful at all times. Never relax!

Your Individual Horoscope

Francis Drake

FOR THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
 Your feelings grow deeper now. Stabilize strong ties of affection. Morning domestic problems clear up towards nightfall.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)
 Work proves satisfying. A time to make long-range domestic decisions. Late afternoon brings insights about money and partnerships.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
 Relations improve with an old or existing love. Keep the channels of communication open. New work projects have great financial potential.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
 Buy something beautiful for the home, but make sure of its value. A surprising get-together happily fills your late-night free time.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
 Send thank-you notes and live up to social commitments. A private chat turns out well. Domestic life highlights the late evening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
 You may want to surprise a loved one with a gift. Relations with friends improve towards nightfall. Surprising news is pleasant.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
 Ingenuity - combined with sound advice - leads to a career breakthrough. Good friends would like your company at a get-together.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
 Conservative tactics work best in business. Seek outlets for an adventurous urge to travel or pursue high-minded activities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
 You may receive an invitation to visit friends at a distance. Renew old contacts. Allow only a close friend into business confidences.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
 Business and pleasure combine favorably. Prepare to do something new and exciting with a loved one who's in the mood for adventure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
 After a slow beginning, the work pace quickens to your satisfaction. Your strong individuality is appreciated by higher-ups.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
 Make plans for a joyous Fourth of July. Travel means romance for both singles and marrieds. Expect financial improvements.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 43 - noire
 1 Speed of sound
 5 Chalice veil
 8 Hautboy
 9 Fit
 13 Capital of Italia
 14 Land
 15 Supervise
 17 Greek letter
 18 Love set's barrier
 19 Lily -
 20 Despicable one
 21 Voiced
 23 Swell affair
 24 Frank
 26 Abetment
 27 Gioconda's "Suicidio"
 28 Scrawny
 29 Priority prefix
 30 Scoffer's utterance
 31 Go to - (decay)
 34 Twitch
 35 Caustic
 37 Exaggerate
 38 Cry
 41 "God's Little"
 42 Actress, Susan

DOWN
 1 Imbecile
 2 Overhead
 3 Disintegrate
 4 Find out
 5 Request for retrieval
 6 Went wrong
 7 Kiwi
 10 Gradually native
 11 The press is the fourth
 12 Anthology
 16 Train, as a boxer
 22 Cartoonist, Gardner -
 23 Dahomey
 24 Ransom seeker
 25 Make the scene
 26 London district
 28 Noble domain
 30 Equivocate
 32 Manifest sight
 33 Reservation
 35 Clean the deck
 38 Disenchant

Yesterday's Answer

Believe It or Not!

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TZZ EPCF KZNGT SU ZBQNUB
 FPUTZ EPU OZSSGZ EHPF
 PUF HNUB - WCGTEUNFPJ

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: YOU CAN'T FOOL ALL OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME - BUT IT ISN'T NECESSARY. - ANON

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

| TIME | PROGRAM | TIME | PROGRAM |
|------|---------------------|-------|------------|
| 3:00 | Children's Show | 10:30 | World News |
| 3:26 | Mattino | 10:45 | World News |
| 4:34 | Go Show | 11:00 | World News |
| 5:17 | Black Beauty | 11:30 | World News |
| 5:41 | Documentary | 12:00 | World News |
| 6:31 | Dunes of Hazard | 12:30 | World News |
| 7:28 | The Jeffersons | 1:00 | World News |
| 7:53 | The Virginian | 1:30 | World News |
| 9:07 | Benny Jones | 2:00 | World News |
| 9:55 | Famous Film Theater | 2:30 | World News |

THURSDAY TV Programs (Arabic)

Small Arab TV Programs

THURSDAY: 9:00 Quran, Program Review, Questions and Answers, Song, Children's Program, Series, 12:30 Dinar Prayer, Call, 1:45 Scientific Program, Youth Program, Durrana, Children's Program, 7:00 Religious Talk, 7:45 News in English, 8:00 Local Program during which the late Pope's Call will occur, 9:30 News in Arabic, 10:10 Daily Series, 10:30 Arabic Series, 10:50 Film, 1:00 Children's Program

BAHRAIN TV Programs

THURSDAY: 4:00 Quran, 4:30 English League Soccer, 6:00 Education Program, 7:00 Daily Arabic Series, 8:00 Arabic News, 8:30 English in English, 9:30 English News, 9:50 Low Green, 10:40 Arabic Film, 12:30 News.

DUBAI Channel 10 Program

THURSDAY: 9:00 Quran, 9:15 Religious Talk, 9:30 Quran, 6:00 Magic Flower, 6:30 TV Magazine, 7:30 Documentary, 8:00 Local News, 8:10 Starry and Hazy, 9:00 Arabic Drama, 10:00 World News At Ten, 10:33 Selected Song/Tomorrow's Program, 10:50 Arabic Theater.

DUBAI Channel 33 Program

THURSDAY: 6:00 Quran, 6:15 Cartoons, 6:35 Metal Mickey, 7:00 Islamic History, 7:15 Satry, 7:35 WKRP in Cincinnati, 8:00 Local News, 8:10 Starry and Hazy, 9:00 The Secret Army, 10:00 World News, 10:25 The Other Art, 10:50 Feature Film.

QATAR TV Programs

THURSDAY: 3:00 Quran, 3:15 Religious Program, 3:30 Children's Daily Series, 4:00 School Plays, 5:15 Daily Arabic Series, 6:00 Arabic News, 6:15 Daily Comedy Series, 6:45 Art Report, 7:35 Daily Arabic Series, 8:30 Arab News, 9:05 Variety Program, 10:00 English News, 10:20 Arabic Film, 11:50 Foreign Film.

KUWAIT Channel 2 Program

THURSDAY: 7:00 Quran, 7:05 Walt Disney, 8:00 News in English, 8:15 Clips, 9:00 Variety, (Male Anchor); 9:45 That's Hollywood, 10:00 Feature Film.

OMAN TV Program

THURSDAY: 4:02 Quran, 4:17 Today's Program, 4:20 Students' Program, 5:40 Adult Education, 6:10 Songs, 6:15 Religious Program, 7:00 Family Program, 7:30 Arabic Film Series, 8:20 Folk Songs, 8:30 Arabic News, 9:00 Quran Program, 10:00 English News, 10:20 Songs, 10:30 Week End Entertainment, 12:10 News in Brief, 12:30 Quran.

Ras Al Khaima TV Program

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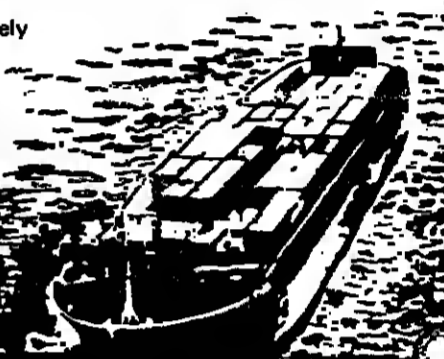
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Brandt told

Moscow favors Afghan solution

MOSCOW, July 1 (R) — The Soviet Union wants to see a political solution in Afghanistan featuring security guarantees for that country, visiting former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt was told Wednesday.

A spokesman for Brandt said the Soviet position was set out during three hours of talks which the ex-chancellor held with Politburo member Boris Ponomarev and another Kremlin foreign affairs expert, Vadim Zagladin.

They made clear that Moscow would accept a negotiated settlement which barred all intervention in Afghanistan from Iranian

and Pakistani territory and guaranteed the country's nonaligned status, he said.

The statement of Moscow's position was seen by diplomats as an important signal in advance of a visit to Moscow next week by the British Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington, who will explain a new Western initiative aimed at securing a withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

Moscow's third condition, as spelled out to Brandt, the chairman of Bonn's ruling Social Democratic Party (SPD), was that the security of the Soviet border must be ensured, the spokesman said. The Soviet Union has a frontier with both Afghanistan and Iran.

The plan to be set out by Lord Carrington, who arrives Sunday for a 24-hour working visit, calls for a two-stage conference of the five permanent members of the United Nations Security Council — Britain, China, France, the Soviet Union, and the United States — and India, Iran and Pakistan.

In the first stage, they would try to work out safeguards for Afghan security. The second stage would be joined by representatives of the Afghan people to discuss the country's future status. The situation in Afghanistan, 18 months after Soviet troops moved into the country, was understood to have played a major role in Brandt's talks. Asked about further details of the Soviet position, an informed West German source replied: "That's for Lord Carrington to find out."

Lord Carrington's plan, which has the backing of the European Common Market, has so far not been mentioned in the Soviet Press. Instead, the Soviet news agency Tass announced Tuesday night that he was coming to Moscow and then issued a commentary which indicated the Kremlin view on Afghanistan was unchanged.

It said the "only true road" to Afghan settlement lay in proposals made by Kabul's pro-Moscow government in May 1980, which included separate talks with Iran and Pakistan and an end to all foreign interference.

Kabul's ambassador to Moscow, Habib Mangal, told a press conference Wednesday his government was studying the new Common Market proposals. But he said that changes which had taken place in his country since Marxist rule was established in April 1978 were "an internal matter."

Missile deployment

Brezhnev bid scorned

BRUSSELS, July 1 (AFP) — A senior American official Wednesday scorned the offer by Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev to halt Russian deployment in medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe if the United States would do the same. The official, speaking at NATO headquarters here, said the proposal was unacceptable and "one-sided" because Soviet SS-20 missiles had a 4,500-km range and could hit European targets

even if deployed outside the Soviet Union's European zone.

Brezhnev said Tuesday that Moscow was ready to stop the deployment as soon as negotiations started with Washington. But he added: "This will happen, of course, only if the United States tells us that during the talks it will not build up its medium-range nuclear means in Europe either."

The U.S. official, who requested anonymity, said such a deal would maintain the current East-West imbalance in Eurostrategic missiles. Moscow had already deployed 220 and NATO would deploy none before 1983.

"The alliance is unwilling to draw an ill-founded distinction between European and Non-European parts of the Soviet Union," the official said. "The SS-20s are mobile. Even systems based further east of the Urals could strike European targets or could be moved so that they become Eurostrategic."

"Brezhnev's proposal is one-sided" and "not a basis for serious negotiations," he said, adding, "it would have been a nice proposal five years ago."

Western diplomats in Moscow see in Brezhnev's remarks a slight modification of the Soviet moratorium proposal first announced in February. They said that Moscow apparently is no longer insisting that Washington abandon plans to produce 572 intermediate-range missiles for Western Europe, but simply to hold off on their deployment.



Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev

Polish congress may enact sweeping political reforms

WARSAW, July 1 (AP) — The forthcoming emergency congress of the Polish Communist Party may enact unprecedented political reforms, such as the election of the party chief by the congress itself, a ranking official has said. Under existing rules, the first party secretary has been appointed by the top-ranking Politburo.

Ryszard Lukaszewicz, deputy chief of the central committee's organizational department told a group of Western and Polish newsmen Tuesday the congress starting July 14 was expected to review the possibility of electing the party chief by the congress as a whole or naming him by the central committee.

In comments made available to the Associated Press, Lukaszewicz for the first time officially announced that the congress, earlier scheduled to last five days, would have no fixed closing date.

The official, involved in preparations for the crucial session, also announced other sweeping reforms which, if adopted, would radically change the party's structure and decision-making process. Majority of the 2,000 or so party delegates will attend the congress for the first time following an election by secret ballot that has never occurred anywhere in the Communist bloc.

Election of national congress delegates over the past few weeks was preceded by major changes affecting the composition and leadership of provincial and local party structures.

In an effort to remove officials found violating party discipline or simply associated with ousted party leader Edward Gierek, scores of functionaries lost their posts and, as Politburo member Stefan Olszowski complained, have been unable to find a new job.

Lukaszewicz was reported to have outlined four other major reforms that will be up for a vote at the congress:

- Regional party secretaries are to be elected by area party conferences rather than by a plenary session of the respective party executive.
- Both the national party congress and regional conferences will have a continuity of mandate in the years preceding their replacement by newly elected delegates.
- The "horizontal" movement in the party will be institutionalized by permitting advisory bodies to be set up from among regional party bodies, apparently to play a role in political decision-making on a national scale.
- Creation of a presidium of the central committee that would help streamline its work and may serve as a kind of liaison group between the committee and the Politburo.

Polish sources earlier said there were plans to expand the central committee from its present 150 to up to 200 members plus 70 alternate members. The committee's presidium, the sources said, would be expected to supervise the Politburo's work.

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Meanwhile, a British youth, Marcus Sarjeant, 17, accused of firing blank shots near the queen during a June 13 ceremonial parade, was hounded over for trial at London's Old Bailey central criminal court charged under the 1842 Treason Act. The tall, unemployed youth, who faces a maximum of seven years' jail, again said nothing when he made his third brief appearance at London's Bow Street magistrate's court.

The shooting, allegedly with an imitation weapon described as "two-inch jacked python revolver," aroused widespread fears about the safety of the royalty. Sarjeant simply nodded when magistrate Ronald Bartle ordered him to stand trial in Britain's most famous criminal court. No date was fixed and Sarjeant made no application for bail.

Zen, who also appeared at Bow Street, sent a jiffy bag, intercepted by post office workers, to the queen which contained a painting of a bomb, with the word "boom" next to it, and a message, "this is the bomb to blow her to hell," the court heard.

Prosecutor Colin Cleugh said Zen lived in New York until last year when he sold everything and embarked on an around-the-world trip. He had joined the Zen Buddhism cult last year and changed his name from Ronald Rosario Kampolla.

Zen first entered Britain illegally April 7, Cleugh said. He has been in custody since his arrest last May 30, and arrangements were being made to deport him.

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Sotelo to raise ECM entry today

PARIS, July 1 (AFP) — Spain's prospective membership of the European Common Market and the contentious issue of Basque guerrillas in France will be the main subjects of discussion when Spanish Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo makes a brief visit to Paris Thursday, sources on both sides said.

Both topics are a source of friction between the two countries, with the Spanish government expecting more than France is apparently prepared to give at the moment. Sources close to Calvo Sotelo complained that France has a "historic obligation" toward Spain to support by deeds and not just words the strengthening of Spanish democracy.

French government sources say that the increased cooperation demanded by Madrid can only go so far, and its limits have been clearly defined since the Socialist government took over in France.

French presidential spokesman Michel Vauzelle said Wednesday that while France welcomed Spain's entry into the European community there were certain economic problems. In Paris's view Spain must adapt its structures to enable it to fit in to the community, while in Madrid there are protests that the negotiations are not going fast enough.



Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo

Man admits bomb hoax on Elizabeth

LONDON, July 1 (AP) — An American, said to believe in a crusade against the evils of moosey, pleaded guilty Wednesday to sending a hoax bomb to Queen Elizabeth II and threatening to kill Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spoocher on their July 29 wedding day.

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Australia to consider force for Sinai patrol

WASHINGTON, July 1 (AFP) — A possible Australian contribution to a multinational peacekeeping force to patrol the Sinai when Israel withdraws figured largely in Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser's talks here with President Ronald Reagan. Answering press questions after the 90-minute meeting, Reagan confirmed Tuesday that the peacekeeping force had been discussed.

A senior U.S. source said that Reagan had told the Australian leader it was "highly desirable" that Canberra make at least a small contribution to the force. The source said that Fraser had promised his government would consider the issue.

Israel is scheduled to withdraw from the Sinai, which it occupied in the 1967 war against the Arabs, under the Camp David peace program signed with Egypt. An American source said that when the two heads of government were joined by their delegations for a wider exchange of views, much attention went to alling East-West relations.

Specific attention was given to the situation in Poland and to French President Francois Mitterrand's decision last week to appoint four Communist ministers. The source said that U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger had remarked on his country's "excellent" relations with Australia.

On leaving the White House, Fraser added that "a strong United States is important not only to the American people, but to Australian people and to free people everywhere." In this context, Fraser discussed an agreement to refuel and service in Australia American B-52 bombers deployed in the Asia-Pacific region.

Economic issues were also discussed, against a background of North-South relations — between the industrialized and developing world. A well-informed source said that Reagan had briefed his guest on a plan for economic assistance to the Caribbean region. The guidelines of this plan were



Australian Premier Malcolm Fraser

laid during a recent Washington visit of Mexican President Jose Lopez Portillo.

Sources said Reagan told the Prime Minister that the White House "particularly appreciated" Australia's part in the dialogue with the Third World. Discussing bilateral relations, Fraser informed the president of "a little rain" in Australian trade circles at rocketing U.S. interest rates. President Reagan assured him that the administration was doing its utmost to bring the rates down.

Fraser also congratulated the president on the recent approval by Congress of key points of his tough economic program. Finally, the two leaders discussed in detail U.S. "extra-territoriality" laws whereby some American companies based in Australia are able to dodge tough local legislation to protect the environment. The justice ministers of both countries are to meet soon to discuss this controversial issue.

The prime minister left Washington Wednesday afternoon for Chicago where he will discuss investment in Australia with leading U.S. businessmen.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

He complained he hears a joke being told, everyone laughs, and all is well. Then he takes it into his head to tell that same joke himself in a different gathering. No one laughs. Nothing.

Not only that he said. But women appear to have a sense of humor totally different from men. Someone tells a joke, and the men might think it unpeppery silly. The women, however, fall about laughing. It must mean, he said, that women have no sense of humor.

The proof for this, he said, is that in the West, where "equality" rules, there are literally thousands of comedians. But 99.9 percent of them are men. And even then, that 0.01 who are women are among the profession's least impressive.

Then take what happened the other day, he said. This will clinch the argument: The other day, I was at a party. All very jolly. Everyone laughing and talking. Except for an elderly couple, who sat in the corner by themselves, obviously strangers.

I thought of getting them going. Break the ice, that sort of thing. So I went to the man and said — just a joke you understand — "Who's the lovely lady sitting with you?"

"Certainly," said the old gentleman, "meet my wife..." "Oh, no, you don't," I said (and here's the joke). "You introduced me to your wife the other day. A young thing in the latest fashion." Only kidding, you understand...

But the lady jumped and held the man by his tie, then started shaking him until he turned an interesting shade of green. "So that's what you do on all those 'late days in the office'?" she roared, among many other remarks on men in general.

It took several of us to separate them, then to bring the man back to consciousness. When he was sufficiently recovered, I explained that the whole thing was a joke. Upon which the man — a most worthy gent — started to laugh. The woman however made a grab at my tie. But I was ready and jumped out of harm's way in the nick of time.

You see, he said, no sense of humor.

Translated from Ashraf Al Awwat

New Irish prime minister vows to solve Ulster crisis

DUBLIN, July 1 (Agencies) — Dr. Garret Fitzgerald, elected prime minister by the Irish parliament Tuesday with a majority of only three, says his coalition government's priority will be to resolve the crisis in Northern Ireland.

"The Ulster issue will come first with me and my government — nothing else will come before it," he said in his acceptance speech to the Dail (parliament). "Whatever action is necessary, no matter how unpopular, it will be taken."

Fitzgerald, 55, a liberal economist and former foreign minister, replaced Charles Haughey who lost control of the 168-seat Dail in the June 11 general election he had called to win a personal mandate after 18 months as prime minister.

Fitzgerald said his government would try to re-establish links with both the majority Protestants and minority Catholics in Northern Ireland. That was the only way to resolve the problem in the province, where the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA) is waging a guerrilla war to oust the British. He also said he would continue Anglo-Irish contacts begun by Haughey and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Fitzgerald, who heads a coalition of his Fine Gael (land of Ireland) Party and Labor which has 15 seats, was elected by 81 votes to 78. Only one of the six independents holding the balance of power in the Dail voted for him. The others did not vote and could bring his government down at any time.

Two other independent members, IRA

prisoners in Northern Ireland, were unable to take their seats. They include Kieran Doherty who is one of eight jailed guerrillas now on hunger strike for political status.

Fitzgerald said Ireland's economic problems were even worse than he feared. The country, with 3.5 million people, is plunged to recession and has an inflation rate of 21 percent. New Finance Minister John Bruton, regarded as an effective debater in parliament, now has the task of carrying out Fitzgerald's pledge to cut the inflation rate to single figures.

Fitzgerald's most surprising appointment was his foreign minister, Jim Dooge, a professor of engineering who played a key role in framing the Fine Gael election manifesto. Professor Dooge, 59, a close friend of the new prime minister, is not a member of parliament but will be nominated to the Senate (upper house) before he takes office.

The Fine Gael-Labor coalition returns to power four years after it was ousted by Fianna Fail in the June 1977 election. The two parties have governed together in three coalition administrations since 1932, but have never been defeated for a second successive term.

Fianna Fail's defeat pitched Haughey into opposition after only 18 months in office, the shortest term ever served by a premier in the republic since the state was founded in 1921.

Fitzgerald, who served in the last coalition government between 1973 and 1977, left the Dail to receive his seal of office from President Patrick Hillery at his palace in Dublin's Phoenix Park.

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McDonnell weakening

Britain rejects IRA reform plea

BELFAST, June 1 (AP) — Humphrey Atkins, Britain's Northern Ireland secretary, has warned eight Irish guerrilla hunger strikers in Northern Ireland's Maze prison that their campaign to win political status will be "in vain."

He said it was not up to the government to end the hunger strike, but "the hunger strikers and protesters themselves and those who support and advise them."

Atkins' remarks appeared to rule out any possible concessions by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government to end the fast by guerrillas of the outlawed Irish Republican Army and the smaller Irish National Liberation Army. The two overwhelmingly Roman Catholic movements are fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland and reunite the province with the Irish Republic.

Atkins' remarks, made Tuesday, were seen as a direct reply by the British government to a call by Charles Haughey, outgoing prime minister of the Irish Republic, for London to make an immediate effort to find a solution to the deadlocked prison crisis. It also followed appeals for an end to the fast from Ireland's Catholic bishops and the Irish Commission for Peace and Justice.

Atkins stressed that making concessions to hundreds of jailed nationalist guerrillas in Northern Ireland on their demands to wear their own clothes, do no prison work and associate freely among themselves will not necessarily end the hunger strike.

"The great difficulty about such a move is that it would encourage the hope that political status based on the so-called demands could still be achieved," he said. There would be no reforms, he added, "while the hunger strike places the authorities under duress."

Four hunger strikers died last month and more are expected to die in the coming weeks. Eight men currently are refusing food in the Maze prison.

The leader of the current wave, convicted gunman Joe McDonnell, 30, is "weakening rapidly," said a spokesman for Sinn Fein, the IRA's political front. McDonnell has been fasting for 54 days.

Sinn Fein reported that another IRA activist, Kieran Doherty, who earlier this month won election to the Irish Republic's parliament, "is vomiting any water he drinks, having trouble with his eyes and feels sick constantly." Doherty, 25, has been on hunger strike for 41 days.

U.N. chief denies responsibility for global tensions

GENEVA, July 1 (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim ridiculed Wednesday as "naive and primitive" suggestions he could be held accountable for unresolved global tensions, and sidestepped a question about whether the interlocking situation, which he called "tense and dangerous," could be interpreted as a personal failure and sufficient reason for him not to seek an unprecedented third term.

Waldheim, 62, said during a news conference he has not decided whether to go after another five-year term in the \$140,000-a-year post, reiterating that his answer will come "in due course."

He declined comment about the candidacy of Tanzanian Foreign Minister Salim Ahmad Salim who won the endorsement for the leading U.N. position at last month's summit meeting of the Organization of African Unity.

Waldheim, whose term expires Dec. 31, conceded he is "very often deeply frustrated by the international situation... by selfish nationalism" and said the secretary-general must not be considered "a miracle man." He declared, "it's naive and primitive argument to say, well, it's the secretary-general who should solve the problems. I do what I can to help the parties."

On other subjects, Waldheim:

- Conceded the U.N.-sponsored conference on Cambodia, set for New York this month, will be "handicapped" by the non-participation of some major parties. The Phnom Penh government, Vietnam and the Soviet Union have said they will not participate. However, Waldheim said, the conference will be "the master of its own business."
- Declared that mediation efforts of former Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme to the warring Gulf neighbors, Iran and Iraq, will continue, adding that Palme has expressed optimism about eventual success.

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